



Solano County

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Legislation Text

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Adopt 2 resolutions to recognize the month of March as National Women's History Month and the selection of Jennifer Barton as Solano County's "Woman of the Year 2018"

Published Notice Required? Yes ☐ No ☒
Public Hearing Required? Yes ☐ No ☒

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:

Supervisor Vasquez and Supervisor Spering request the Board of Supervisors adopt two resolutions recognizing Jennifer Barton as Solano County's "Women of the Year 2018" in reflection of the theme "NEVERTHELESS SHE PERSISTED: Honoring Women Who Fight All Forms of Discrimination Against" and in celebration of "March is National Women's History Month."

SUMMARY:

As recently as the 1970's, women's history was virtually an unknown topic in the K-12 curriculum or in the general public's awareness. To address this situation, the Education Task Force of the Sonoma County (California) Commission on the Status of Women initiated a "Women's History Week" celebration for 1978. From this effort grew the first Congressional resolution declaring a "National Women's History Week" in 1981.

In 1987, the National Women's History Project petitioned Congress to expand the national celebration to the entire month of March. Since then, the National Women's History Month Resolution has been approved with bipartisan support in both the House and Senate. Each year, programs and activities in schools, workplaces, and communities have become more extensive as information and program ideas have been developed and shared.

This year, Solano County celebrates "Women's History Month" with the eleventh annual luncheon on March 23, 2018. Through a public nomination process, the Women's History Month Committee selected Jennifer Barton as the "Woman of the Year for 2018" and Denise Ruiz Fracchia as the Honorary Chair in recognition of their decades of service to the community.

The resolutions will be presented to the honorees at the luncheon. Funds raised during that luncheon will benefit the Solano County Library Foundation and go towards the purchase of materials related to Women's History studies.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact to the County General Fund.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board may choose not to adopt the resolutions. This is not recommended as adopting these resolutions are an opportunity to recognize the role women play in history and to honor these outstanding women in Solano County's community.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Solano County Library Foundation

CAO RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION