



# Solano County

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## Legislation Text

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Adopt and present a resolution recognizing May 2018 as Older Americans Month in Solano County (Supervisor Hannigan)

Published Notice Required? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No   X    
Public Hearing Required? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No   X  

### **DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:**

The Department of Health and Social Services (H&SS) recommends the Board adopt and present a resolution recognizing May 2018 as Older Americans Month in Solano County.

### **SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:**

Older Americans Month was established in 1963 and has continued to gain relevancy as the nation's population ages. According to the Population Reference Bureau, residents age 65 and over made up 14 percent of the U.S. population in 2012 and are expected to make up 20 percent by 2029. Solano County's older adult population continues to grow with a five percent increase in the last year, from 12.4 percent in 2016 to 17.4 percent in 2017.

The Administration on Aging, an agency of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, leads the nation's observance of Older Americans Month. This year's theme is *Engage At Every Age*, which emphasizes that no one is ever too old to participate in activities that support the well-being of their community, family, and of themselves.

It is important to acknowledge and celebrate the many contributions seniors make in community and civic life. Older County residents own businesses, serve as volunteers, run nonprofits and associations, own farms, hold elected office, serve in the armed forces, the arts, medicine, the judiciary and clergy; and sit on numerous boards and commissions, both local and statewide. And, they are the revered, strong foundation of their families.

Cities and counties across the country will take part in celebrations acknowledging the contributions that older adults make every day in their communities. In celebration of Older Americans Month and to recognize the value of being well prepared when a natural disaster strikes, such as the recent wildfires, the Senior Coalition of Solano County is planning a disaster preparedness conference for seniors and their families on May 19<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Solano County Events Center.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The costs associated with preparing the agenda item is nominal and absorbed by the department's FY2017/18 Adopted Budget. The costs associated with preparation and purchase of the resolution materials are included in the Board's FY2017/18 Adopted Budget.

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

The Board may choose not to adopt this resolution. This is not recommended because older adults make up a growing share of the County's population and their contributions of enriching life throughout the County deserve recognition.

### **OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

H&SS worked with the Senior Coalition of Solano County on this Board item.

**CAO RECOMMENDATION:**

APPROVE DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION