



# Solano County

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## Legislation Text

**File #:** 18-826, **Version:** 1

Adopt and present a resolution and plaque of appreciation honoring Thelma Daez-Sy, Public Health Nutritionist, upon her retirement from the Department of Health and Social Services, Public Health Division with 23 years of dedicated public service to Solano County (Supervisor Brown)

Published Notice Required? Yes ☐ No ☒

Public Hearing Required? Yes ☐ No ☒

### **DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:**

The Department of Health and Social Services (H&SS) recommends that the Board of Supervisors adopt and present a resolution and plaque of appreciation honoring Thelma Daez-Sy, Public Health Nutritionist, upon her retirement from the Department of Health and Social Services, Public Health Division with 23 years of dedicated public service to Solano County.

### **SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:**

Thelma Daez-Sy began her career on December 11, 1995 and has worked all of her 23 years in the Nutrition Services Bureau of the Public Health Division, working in both the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program and the Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention (NEOP) program. As a bilingual WIC Public Health Nutritionist, Ms. Daez-Sy provided nutrition education for high-risk families, breastfeeding support and critical linkages to community resources for thousands of vulnerable pregnant and postpartum woman, infants and children up to the age of 5 years. Ms. Daez-Sy provided WIC services and taught nutrition education classes for perinatal women in substance abuse treatment programs and provided nutrition case management for perinatal women on both the WIC and SolanoWORKS programs.

While working in NEOP, Ms. Daez-Sy provided nutrition education in elementary schools and participated in community assessment projects that ultimately resulted in the Healthy Market projects. Her passionate performances as the Iron Chef during National Nutrition Month and for food demonstrations in the community are legendary.

In 1996, Ms. Daez-Sy became a Certified Lactation Educator to provide more in-depth breastfeeding support for breastfeeding mothers. Throughout her career, Ms. Daez-Sy has provided excellent services and support for Solano County mothers and children with compassion, respect and a tremendous amount of commitment.

Ms. Daez-Sy is retiring on December 14, 2018 and H&SS wishes her well upon her retirement and future endeavors.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The cost associated with preparing the agenda item is nominal and absorbed by the Department's FY2018/19 Adopted Budget. The costs associated with preparation and purchase of the resolution materials and plaque are included in the Board's FY2018/19 Adopted Budget.

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

The Board could choose not to adopt and present this resolution and plaque of appreciation. This is not recommended as it is an opportunity to recognize Ms. Daez-Sy's dedication and outstanding contributions to the County and the community.

**OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

There is no other agency involvement.

**CAO RECOMMENDATION:**

APPROVE DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION