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Legislation Text

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Adopt and present a resolution recognizing March 19, 2019 as Ag Day in Solano County and March 17-23, 2019 as National Ag Week (Supervisor Vasquez)

Published Notice Required? Yes ___ No X
Public Hearing Required? Yes ___ No X

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:

Supervisor Vasquez requests that the Board adopt and present a resolution recognizing March 19, 2019 as Ag Day in Solano County and March 17-23, 2019 as National Ag Week.

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

Ag Day is celebrated on March 19, 2019. Ag Day falls during National Ag Week, March 17-23, 2019. Ag Day and Ag Week offer a time to recognize the value of agriculture and celebrate the farmers and ranchers dedicated to producing food that helps to feed not only local residents, but people around the world.

In addition to a national campaign, the Solano County Fair Association will host its 17th annual Youth Ag Day March 19, 2019. Youth Ag Day brings volunteers, local farmers and ranchers, businesses and agricultural agencies together in an educational and fun environment to learn about the important role agriculture plays in our daily lives.

With more than 80 crops grown, Solano County is the second-most diverse county agriculturally in the state. Solano County agricultural commodities are exported to nearly 40 countries around the globe. Of the roughly 860 full-time and part-time farms in the county, 42 were certified for organic production, according to the 2017 Crop and Livestock report. With such rich agricultural history and diversity, Ag Day and Ag Week provide an excellent time for individuals to learn more about Ag and the farmers and ranchers of Solano County.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The costs associated with preparing this agenda item are nominal and absorbed by the District 4 FY2018/19 Adopted Budget. The costs associated with preparation and purchase of the resolution materials are included in the Board's FY2018/19 Adopted Budget.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board could choose not to adopt this resolution. This is not recommended because this is an opportunity to raise public awareness of the contributions our local farmers and ranchers make to the overall agriculture economy.

CAO RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION