

Resolution No. 2026-

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING APRIL 2nd as WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY IN SOLANO COUNTY

WHEREAS, World Autism Awareness Day is recognized internationally each year on April 2 to raise awareness about the millions of Americans and an estimated 67 million people worldwide living with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD); and

WHEREAS, autism affects children of all racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic backgrounds and is approximately four times more likely to occur in boys than in girls, with 1 in 36 children currently diagnosed with autism; and

WHEREAS, Autism Spectrum Disorder is detectable at an early age, and research shows that children diagnosed between birth and age three who receive regular medical care and early intervention services often demonstrate significant improvements in learning, communication, and developmental skills; and

WHEREAS, parents of children with autism serve as lifelong advocates for their children, navigating medical, educational, and social support systems, and even after their children graduate from high school, many families must continue searching for programs and services; and each year more than 50,000 young autistic adults age out of school-based support systems and struggle to find adequate programs and resources; and

WHEREAS, the experiences of individuals with autism vary widely, yet their talents and potential are too often misunderstood or overlooked, as many continue to face unnecessary barriers to employment, healthcare, and education, while children with autism frequently experience bullying and obstacles to learning; and

WHEREAS, adults with autism benefit from high-quality learning opportunities and supportive services that help build independence and life skills, and organizations such as Found It! in Suisun City play a vital role in helping autistic adults achieve success by providing peer support, social activities, and opportunities to develop relationships, life skills, and strategies to manage stress and daily challenges; and

WHEREAS, communities can work to reduce disparities and ensure individuals with autism have equal opportunities to achieve their dreams by providing the resources, support, and tools needed for communication, growth, employment, and greater independence;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes April 2 as World Autism Awareness Day, encouraging greater awareness and understanding of individuals living with autism throughout the world, the United States, and Solano County, and reaffirming the commitment to empower individuals with autism with the skills, opportunities, and support needed to lead productive and fulfilling lives.

Dated this 24th day of March 2026

MONICA E BROWN, Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: IAN M. GOLDBERG, Clerk
Solano County Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Alicia Draves, Chief Deputy Clerk