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## **Solano County Fair Association Receives State Legislature Resolution**

*Senate and Assembly Members recognize 70th anniversary of the Solano County Fair and the positive impact the Fairgrounds has made in the local community.*

**Solano County, CA** – Last week, at its regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting on July 17, the Solano County Fair Association was presented with a State Legislature Resolution by Ron Turner, field representative for Senator Bill Dodd. The Joint Members Resolution #324 was bestowed on behalf of all of Solano County’s state-level representatives: Senator Bill Dodd (3<sup>rd</sup> District), Assemblywoman Cecilia Aguiar-Curry (4<sup>th</sup> District), Assemblyman Jim Frazier (11<sup>th</sup> District), and Assemblyman Tim Grayson (14<sup>th</sup> District).

The resolution recognizes the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the annual Solano County Fair as well as the important role that the Fairgrounds plays as a resource for its local community. “(This resolution recognizes) the 70 years that the Fair Association has been actively involved in our county, but we didn’t fully realize the role that the Association and Fairgrounds play, not until we had our major fires,” stated Turner. “We went back through our constitution and found that there is a lot of history that’s associated with the Fairgrounds and the property, and in that history is civic responsibility. That civic responsibility here dates back to 1950 when we started the Solano County Fair which highlights the needs and necessities, but also addresses the prosperity of the county. We’re an ag county and we look at our farmers, cattlemen, future farmers, 4-H clubs and different organizations that play a huge role in where we are going as a county.”

“Because of this rich history that Solano County has, all the members wanted to take this opportunity to make sure that we acknowledge and address that the Fairgrounds and Association are important and let you know that you play a huge role in our survival...,” continued Turner in reference to the role the Fairgrounds played as an emergency evacuation



center for the Northern California fires of October 2017. “...What you did is extremely important to us, and to the state and to the county.”

State Legislature Resolutions often mark noteworthy anniversaries and such was the case for the 2019 Solano County Fair. Celebrating its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary, this year’s Fair achieved significant success with a total gate attendance of 21,311, a 75% increase over last year’s attendance of 12,169. The Junior Livestock Program, culminating the Competitive Livestock Exhibits Program, also saw an impressive return bringing in \$178,178, a 27.8% increase over last year and the highest gross revenue in the last ten years. It is particularly positive to see an increase in this area where businesses and individuals are contributing back into the community. This support of the livestock auction reaffirms the importance of the Fair in recognizing the efforts and development of our youth livestock competitors.

The Resolution recognized those accomplishments and more, reading in part as follows.

“WHEREAS, The relationship between a community and nonprofit organization is a vital and interdependent one, deriving strength from the civic involvement and dedication of those who engage with such organizations, the many positive outcomes these organizations make possible, and the spirit of cooperation and respect they foster within the community; and...

...WHEREAS, During the period of June 27 through June 30, 2019, the Solano County Fair Association will host a four-day fest to celebrate the seventieth anniversary of the Solano County Fair and, since its inception, the Association has remained steadfast in its mission to ensure the long-term viability of the Solano County Fairgrounds, present an exceptional annual fair that celebrates the heritage and diversity of Solano County, and provide year-round opportunities for facility usage. Now, therefore, be it



RESOLVED BY SENATOR BILL DODD AND ASSEMBLY MEMBERS CECILIA M. AGUIAR-CURRY, JIM FRAZIER, AND TIMOTHY S. GRAYSON, That the Solano County Fair Association be commended for the outstanding contributions it has made to the people of Solano County an, and extended sincere best wishes for continued success in the years to come.”

Established in 1949 to produce the annual County Fair, the Solano County Fair Association is a 501(c)3 non-profit agency that is governed by a Board of Directors which is appointed by the Solano County Board of Supervisors. The Solano County Fair Association has been providing educational, cultural, artistic, commercial and recreational programs to the residents of Solano County for over 70 years. The mission of the Solano County Fair Association is “to ensure a positive experience for the public by providing a year-round multi-purpose venue that showcases and celebrates the wide variety of resources and activities available to our diverse community.”

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