

**Yolo County  
Board of Supervisors**

**Resolution No. 22-20**

**PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 2022 AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN YOLO COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, the 2022 Black History Theme recognizes the importance of Black Health and Wellness; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the effects of racism and poverty, Black Californians suffer a disproportionate share of disease and early deaths, resulting in a life expectancy 7 years less than the average Californian; and

**WHEREAS**, disparities in health outcomes for Black Americans start at the earliest years of life, requiring upstream interventions to break the generational cycles of poverty and poor health outcomes they experience; and

**WHEREAS**, the Yolo County Board of Supervisors has made reducing disparities in health outcomes and achieving Health Equity a county strategic priority for all county residents, including the more than 3% of the county that identifies as Black; and

**WHEREAS**, the Yolo County Board of Supervisors, in their understanding of the deep impact that racism plays in the health and wellness of minority populations in the county, declared racism a public health crisis in 2020 and committed to recognizing and addressing it in future actions of the county; and

**WHEREAS**, it is imperative that we continue to address these harms through providing relevant services, education to the community through trusted media sources and inspired representation at various levels of elected leadership in city and county government.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Yolo County Board of Supervisors joins with the State of California in proclaiming February 2022 as Black History Month and recognizes that Black Health and Wellness is of the utmost importance and inspires community health and wellness contributions from all segments of our county.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 22nd day of February, 2022 by the following vote:

**AYES:** Villegas, Saylor, Sandy, Provenza, Barajas.

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Angel Barajas, Chair  
Yolo County Board of Supervisors