

**Yolo County  
Board of Supervisors**

**Resolution No. 22-41**

**Declaring April 2022 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Yolo County**

**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect continue to pose serious threats to our nation's children; and

**WHEREAS**, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), such as physical, emotional, and sexual abuse, neglect, and parental stress or illness, can have short- and long-term outcomes, including a multitude of health and social problems; and early evidence-based prevention and intervention efforts are less costly than trying to fix the adverse effects of child maltreatment, both in human and financial terms; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2021, according to the California Child Welfare Indicators Project, 348 children in Yolo County were found to be victims of abuse and/or neglect. At the start of the pandemic, children had decreased access to mandated reporters, such as teachers and medical providers. Thus, it is important to note that even more children may have experienced abuse and/or neglect in 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, preventing child abuse and neglect is a community issue, and we all have a responsibility to nurture and protect our children and help ensure they become healthy and productive adults. Community-based prevention services can strengthen families and reduce the likelihood of child abuse and neglect; and

**WHEREAS**, the Yolo County Children's Alliance (YCCA) was founded as the Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC) of Yolo County in 2002 and for the past 20 years, has continued to coordinate county efforts to prevent and respond to child abuse and neglect. Yolo County's child abuse prevention efforts are fostered by the contributions of the following agencies and organizations: CommuniCare Health Centers, Empower Yolo, First 5 Yolo, West Sacramento Police Department, Yolo County CASA, Yolo County District Attorney's Office- Multi-Disciplinary Interview Center, Yolo County HHSA, Yolo County Office of Education, and Yolo County Probation; and

**WHEREAS**, prevention can only be accomplished if we, as a County, take responsibility to offer parents and families the support and tools they need to provide healthy, nurturing homes for their children; and

**WHEREAS**, Yolo County residents are encouraged to support child abuse prevention activities in their communities by joining the new CAPC campaign **Building Youth Resilience**, which engaged and empowered youth to directly inform the process of curating a resource guide. Building Youth Resilience provides resources for youth and their parents/caregivers to promote resilience, self-care and personal growth.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Yolo hereby declares the month of April 2022 to be "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in Yolo County.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Yolo, State of California, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022, by the following vote:

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

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Angel Barajas, Chair  
Yolo County Board of Supervisors