

**Yolo County
Board of Supervisors**

Resolution No. 22-124

Proclaiming October as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month

WHEREAS, in 1988 President Reagan designated October as the National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month and since 2016, fifty states have proclamations honoring October 15th as the National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS, National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness month is intended to increase awareness and understanding to support families going through this unimaginable grief process and offer guidance and support to provide comfort to parents/families after experiencing such a tragic loss; and

WHEREAS, the Yolo County Health & Human Services Agency-Fetal/Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) Program and Sudden infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) program provides resources and bereavement support to families that have had babies die from stillbirths, miscarriages and SIDS or sudden unexpected infant death (SUID); and

WHEREAS, local data for Fiscal Year 2021 to 2022 reported 5 fetal and infant deaths and 2 SIDS cases occurred to families in our county; and

WHEREAS, with the ongoing identification of the necessary actions needed to prevent pregnancy and infant loss, the local FIMR program and community-based programs can assist in the prevention of prenatal and of infant deaths; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that all residents consider ways in which they can aid in providing comfort to those bereaved parents, and other family members to share their burden of grief; and

WHEREAS, linkages and support among various providers serving families with infants be established to better engage those families in pre and post crisis events.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim the month of October as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month with the intent to provide solace and validation to those who have suffered a loss through miscarriage, stillbirth, or other complications.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of October, 2022 by the following vote:

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

Angel Barajas, Chair
Yolo County Board of Supervisors