

**Yolo County
Board of Supervisors**

Resolution No. 23-16

Proclaiming the week of February 1-7, 2023 as Gun Violence Survivors Week in Yolo County

WHEREAS, every year, more than 40,000 Americans are killed with guns and approximately 76,000 more are shot and wounded;

WHEREAS, multiple incidents of gun violence left at least 18 people dead and at least 10 more injured in just a three day period in California; and

WHEREAS, 2023 has already seen more mass shootings than it has had days, leaving thousands dead already; and

WHEREAS, by early February, more Americans are killed with guns than are killed in our peer countries in an entire calendar year;

WHEREAS, a gun violence survivor is anyone who has personally experienced gun violence — whether you have witnessed an act of gun violence, been threatened or wounded with a gun, or had someone you know and cared for wounded or killed;

WHEREAS, forms of gun violence can include, but are not limited to: gun suicides, gun homicides, domestic violence involving a gun, and unintentional shootings;

WHEREAS, 59 percent of American adults, including 71 percent of Black and 60 percent of Latinx Americans, or someone they care for has experienced gun violence in their lifetime, demonstrating the reach and impact gun violence has in communities across America;

WHEREAS, firearms are the leading cause of death for children and teens;

WHEREAS, people in America in cities across the nation are working to end the senseless violence by advocating for commonsense gun safety legislation;

WHEREAS, by commemorating National Gun Violence Survivors Week on February 1 to February 7, cities across America will raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives stolen by gun violence; and

WHEREAS, we renew our commitment to reduce gun violence and pledge to do all we can to keep firearms out of the hands of those who are a danger to themselves or others and encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our communities safe.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors declares February 1 to February 7, 2023 to be National Gun Violence Survivors Week. We encourage all citizens to support their communities' efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 7th day of February, 2023 by the following vote:

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

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Oscar Villegas, Chair
First District Supervisor

Lucas Frerichs, Second District Supervisor

Gary Sandy, Third District Supervisor

Jim Provenza, Fourth District Supervisor

Angel Barajas, Fifth District Supervisor