

**Yolo County
Board of Supervisors**

Resolution No. 23-35

Recognizing March 2023 as Women’s History Month in Yolo County

WHEREAS, National Women’s History Month recognizes and spreads awareness of the importance of women in the history of the United States; and

WHEREAS, women led the efforts to secure suffrage and equal opportunities for women, and also served in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, labor movements, civil rights movements, and other causes to create a more fair and just society for all; and

WHEREAS, suffragists succeeded in achieving the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which provided women the right to vote and later achieved the enactment of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which extended the protection of the right to vote to women of color and language minorities; and

WHEREAS, women have been and continue to be leaders in the forefront of social change efforts, business, science, government, math, art, literature, music, film, athletics, and other fields; and women now represent approximately half of the workforce of the United States; and more than 10,000,000 women own businesses in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, since the American Revolution, women have been vital to the mission of the Armed Forces, with more than 200,000 women serving on active duty and 2,000,000 women veterans representing every branch of service; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, President Ronald Reagan issued a Presidential proclamation proclaiming March 1987 as “Women’s History Month”; and

WHEREAS, former Yolo County Supervisor Helen Thomson organized the very first Yolo County Women's History Month luncheon, held in Woodland in April 1987; and,

WHEREAS, despite the advancements of women in the United States, much remains to be done to ensure that women realize their full potential as equal members of society in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the theme of this year’s celebration is “**Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories**,” recognizing women, past and present, who have been active in all forms of media and storytelling, honoring women in every community who have devoted their lives and talents to producing art, pursuing truth, and reflecting the human condition decade after decade.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors, in union with our Yolo County cities and residents, hereby recognizes March, 2023 as Women’s History Month in Yolo County.

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

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

Oscar Villegas, Chair
Yolo County Board of Supervisors