

**Yolo County
Board of Supervisors**

Resolution No. 23-54

Proclaiming April 22, 2023 as Earth Day in Yolo County

WHEREAS, Earth Day is a day for uniting people around the world to celebrate the beauty of our planet and to promote environmental conservation, regeneration, and justice; and

WHEREAS, 2023 will mark 53 years since 20 million people across the United States commemorated the first Earth Day in 1970; and

WHEREAS, the impact and reach of Earth Day celebrations have grown into a worldwide effort to protect the Earth thanks to a combination of grassroots organizations, diligent action from citizens, and organization from every level of government; and

WHEREAS, global climate change, environmental degradation, mass extinction of species, and environmental injustice and inequality all pose major challenges all over the world, including right here in Yolo County; and

WHEREAS, the theme of Earth Day 2023 has been determined as “Invest in Our Planet”, promoting greener economies and investments into more equitable and more sustainable communities; and

WHEREAS, the Yolo County Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution on the 29th day of September 2020 declaring a climate crisis in Yolo County and dedicating the county to pursuing an urgent and inclusive mobilization on climate; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned resolution mandated the creation of the Yolo County Climate Action Commission to develop and propose a Climate Action Plan aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions and bringing Yolo County to a carbon negative footprint by 2030, among the most ambitious climate targets of any county in the State of California; and

WHEREAS, the Yolo County Climate Action Commission has already identified several critical Early Action Projects to advance sustainability in Yolo County; and

WHEREAS, the Yolo County Climate Action Commission has centered environmental justice and public engagement in its approach to climate planning, including through the creation of working groups focused on equity and engagement, as well as public outreach efforts to ensure feedback from every community impacted by climate change and climate adaptation; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to celebrate the natural bounties that Earth has provided to us and to recognize the unique gifts and beauty of our planet.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim April 22, 2023, as Earth Day in Yolo County and reaffirms the County of Yolo’s commitment to sustainability and environmental protection.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of April 2023 by the following vote:

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

Oscar Villegas, Chair
Yolo County Board of Supervisors