

**Yolo County  
Board of Supervisors**

**Resolution No. 23-53**

**Declaring the County of Yolo a Defender for Reproductive Freedom**

**WHEREAS**, California has worked to make reproductive freedom a fundamental right for all Californians by guaranteeing privacy regarding reproductive decisions and protecting a person's right to bodily autonomy, access to abortion, and to make independent reproductive choices including whether or not to terminate a pregnancy; and

**WHEREAS**, reproductive rights are under attack in this country as states enact laws that restrict or ban abortion with serious implications for reproductive freedom in communities across the country; and

**WHEREAS**, abortion restrictions, bans, and limitations to reproductive freedom disproportionately impact populations that already face barriers to accessing care including communities of color, individuals with low income, immigrant communities, youth, and rural communities; and

**WHEREAS**, autonomy and agency in reproductive matters are central to secure gender, economic, and racial equity in all aspects of life; and

**WHEREAS**, sufficient access to reproductive care is central to individual's ability to retain autonomy over their body, their choice to have children or not have children, and parent the children they have in safe and sustainable communities; and

**WHEREAS**, abortion is health care and is a safe and common procedure, with one in four women obtaining an abortion by age 45; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2019 Governor Gavin Newsom issued the California Proclamation on Reproductive Freedom to educate Californians on their reproductive rights under the state constitution and laws and affirm California's commitment to reproductive freedom; and

**WHEREAS**, as states around the country enact abortion restrictions and outright bans to abortions, Yolo County can serve as a model and commit to defend and fight for reproductive freedom and welcome all those seeking to fully exercise their reproductive rights and access safe legal abortion.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Yolo County is hereby a champion and defender of health equity and reproductive freedom for all, so that anyone may have access to the reproductive services they need, when they need them.

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

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

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Oscar Villegas, Chair  
Yolo County Board of Supervisors