

**Yolo County  
Board of Supervisors**

**Resolution No. 23-66**

**Proclaiming May 2023 as Asian American and Pacific Islander Month in Yolo County**

**WHEREAS**, the people of the United States join together each May to pay tribute to the contributions of generations of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders who have enriched the history of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the Asian-American and Pacific Islander community is an inherently diverse population, composed of more than 45 distinct ethnicities and more than 100 language dialects; and

**WHEREAS**, there are approximately 22,000,000 residents of the United States who identify as Asian and approximately 1,600,000 residents of the United States who identify as Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, making up nearly seven percent of the total population of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the month of May was selected for Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month because the first Japanese immigrants arrived in the United States on May 7, 1843, and the first transcontinental railroad was completed on May 10, 1869, with substantial contributions from Chinese immigrants; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize the history, achievements, and diversity of Asian Americans and Native Hawaiians/Pacific Islanders, and the systemic barriers to economic justice, health equity, educational attainment, and personal safety experienced by many in the Asian-American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander community; and

**WHEREAS**, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have made significant contributions to the United States at all levels of local, State, and Federal government and in the United States Armed Forces; and

**WHEREAS**, despite the immeasurable ways Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders enrich this county, we continue to see persistent racism, harassment, and hate crimes against these communities; and

**WHEREAS**, hate must have no safe harbor in America, celebrating Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month provides the people of the United States with an opportunity to recognize the achievements, contributions, and history of, and to understand the challenges faced by, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders; and

**WHEREAS**, Yolo County will work to ensure that all members of AAPI communities — no matter their background, the language they speak, or their religious beliefs — are treated with dignity, respect, and equity.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors, in union with our Yolo County cities and residents, hereby proclaims May 2023 as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 9th day of May, 2023 by the following vote:

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

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Oscar E. Villegas, Chair  
Yolo County Board of Supervisors