

**Yolo County
Board of Supervisors**

Resolution No. 24-12

Declaring the week of January 22 - 26, 2024 as National Gun Violence Survivors Week

This resolution declares the week of January 22, 2024, to January 26, 2024, as National Gun Violence Survivors Week in Yolo County to honor and remember all victims and survivors of gun violence and uplift the resilient voices of survivors across the nation.

WHEREAS, every year, more than 43,000 Americans are killed with guns, approximately 76,000 more are shot and wounded, and countless others experience the collective trauma of gun violence; and

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, people in communities across America are working to end senseless violence by advocating for common sense gun safety legislation; and

WHEREAS, by commemorating National Gun Violence Survivors Week on January 22, 2024 to January 26, 2024, communities across America will raise awareness about the impact of gun violence on individuals and communities and honor the lives stolen and wounded 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 January 22, 2024 to January 26, 2024 as National Gun Violence Survivors Week. We encourage all Yolo County residents to support their communities' efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of January 2024 by the following vote:

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

Lucas Frerichs, Chair
Yolo County Board of Supervisors