

**Yolo County
Board of Supervisors**

Resolution No. 24-34

Declaring April 1-7, 2024 as Public Health Week in Yolo County

WHEREAS, the week of April 1-7, 2024, is National Public Health Week, and the theme is “Protecting, Connecting and Thriving: We Are All Public Health”; and

WHEREAS, the goal of National Public Health Week in 2024 is to recognize the contributions of public health professionals and programs in improving health and achieving health equity; and

WHEREAS, many of the leading causes of death for individuals in the United States are chronic conditions, which are among the most common, costly, and preventable of all health challenges; and

WHEREAS, violence is a leading cause of premature death, and it is estimated that more than 7 individuals per hour die a violent death in the United States; and

WHEREAS, communities of color in Yolo County continue to experience an inequitable burden of illness and death, as compared with the overall population of the county; and

WHEREAS, Yolo County Public Health is committed to addressing health inequities that exist in marginalized communities and communities of color by taking a health equity approach to policies, programs, and collaborative efforts that impact the determinants of health; and

WHEREAS, public health professionals collaborate with diverse partners, to include those outside of the health sector, recognizing that other sectors can influence health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Health Division does essential work for the government and residents of Yolo County by providing consumer protection, conducting food safety investigations, managing our public water systems, dealing with hazardous materials, undertaking code enforcement, and more; and

WHEREAS, as of the date of introduction of this resolution, Yolo County HHS and its Public Health Branch have spent more than 3 years responding to the COVID–19 pandemic, requiring tremendous efforts, resources, and workforce; and

WHEREAS, emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases continue to threaten the health of persons in Yolo County, requiring an ongoing investment of resources for prevention and control; and

WHEREAS, Yolo County is committed to reducing carbon emissions and leading the way in eliminating man-made causes of preventable disease and illness; and

WHEREAS, the Yolo County Board of Supervisors, through their county strategic plan, have prioritized Health Equity and Health In All Policies initiatives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors hereby declares April 1-7, 2024, as **Public Health Week** in Yolo County. We observe this week by recognizing the outstanding work done by the Public Health Department, Environmental Health, and everyone else making our communities healthier, safer, and stronger. We pledge to support and stay engaged with one another in light of this year’s theme, “**Protecting, Connecting and Thriving: We Are All Public Health.**”

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of March 2024 by the following vote:

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

Lucas Frerichs, Chair
Yolo County Board of Supervisors