

**Yolo County
Board of Supervisors**

Resolution No. 24-48

Proclaiming April 2024 as Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month in Yolo County

WHEREAS, the Autism Society of America sponsors National Autism Awareness Month every April to promote autism awareness, inclusion, transitional opportunities, and self-determination for all, and to assure that each person with autism is provided the opportunity to achieve the highest possible quality of life; and

WHEREAS, autism is a complex, developmental disorder that affects social emotional behavior and communication. It is also known as a spectrum disorder, due to it manifesting differently in every person and with varying degrees of intensity; and

WHEREAS, the “Puzzle Ribbon” is the symbol for autism awareness, and we encourage the community to promote acceptance for the condition that occurs in one in every 36 children in the United States; and

WHEREAS, early diagnosis, treatment, and instruction for students with autism are essential to ensure a better quality of life for individuals with autism; and

WHEREAS, Yolo County’s residents with Autism Spectrum Disorder and their families are eager to collaborate with each other and with state and local agencies in establishing, seeking out and using local supportive resources that can allow them to participate in, to thrive in, and to contribute to their home communities; and

WHEREAS, the County of Yolo is eager to collaborate with residents diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder, with their families, and with state and local agencies in finding ways to fully include today’s generation – and future generations – of people with Autism Spectrum Disorder in all healthy and legal sectors of daily and overnight life.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims April 2024 as National Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month and we urge all school communities, Yolo County employees and residents, to participate in promoting autism awareness and acceptance to our communities.

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

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

Lucas Frerichs, Chair
Yolo County Board of Supervisors