

**Yolo County
Board of Supervisors**

Resolution No. 24-68

Honoring May 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, 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 recognizes May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of May, 2024 by the following vote:

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

Lucas Frerichs, Chair
Yolo County Board of Supervisors