

**Yolo County
Board of Supervisors**

Resolution No. 24-103

Proclaiming August 26, 2024, as Women's Equality Day in Yolo County

WHEREAS, women in the United States have continuously worked to gain full rights and privileges – public and private, legal and institutional – as citizens of the United States; and

WHEREAS, women in every state and across every race, cultural group, and identity fought to secure women's right to vote in 1920, 144 years after the founding of the United States; and

WHEREAS, in 1973, Congress officially designated August 26, the date the Nineteenth Amendment was certified as Women's Equality Day; and

WHEREAS, recognizing Women's Equality Day as a day of celebration throughout the country emphasizes the importance of women's work for democracy; and

WHEREAS, women in the United States still face ongoing disadvantages including: societal devaluation of the role of mothers and caregivers (roles largely filled by women), economic inequalities that contribute to women earning approximately 20% less on average than men, struggles over bodily autonomy and attaining proper healthcare, and a lack of female representation in government and most high positions of power; and

WHEREAS, despite the fact that women make up 51% of the US population, they still only hold 30% of representation in politics and 11% of representation in Fortune 500 companies; and

WHEREAS, this day is also an opportunity to celebrate the contributions of women in various fields, including politics, science, business, and the arts; and

WHEREAS, there is still work to be done, let this day be a time to reflect on both the progress made and the ongoing efforts needed to achieve gender equality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors, in union with our Yolo County cities and residents, hereby commemorates Women's Equality Day, August 26, 2024, as a national day celebrating the importance of the women's suffrage movement and the ongoing work to secure and expand equal rights, equal pay, and equality today.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of August, 2024 by the following vote:

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

Lucas Frerichs, Chair
Yolo County Board of Supervisors