

**Yolo County  
Board of Supervisors**

**Resolution No. 24-107**

***Declaring August 26-30, 2024 Be SMART Awareness Week in Yolo County  
Resolution in Support of Safe Firearm Storage***

**WHEREAS**, Yolo County is committed to creating a safe environment for the well-being of all of our residents; and

**WHEREAS**, nationally firearm related injuries are the leading cause of death among children and teens; and

**WHEREAS**, access to firearms in homes where children and adolescents reside poses significant risks to their safety and the safety of others; and

**WHEREAS**, gun violence prevention research shows that promoting safe gun storage practices can prevent tragedies and reduce the incidence of firearm-related accidents, suicides, and unauthorized access; and

**WHEREAS**, an estimated 54 percent of gun owners don't lock all of their guns securely and an estimated 4.6 million children live in a home with at least one unlocked and loaded gun in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, gun owners and non-gun owners alike have a responsibility to ensure that kids, teens and anyone who is a danger to themselves and/or others can't access an unsecured firearm; and

**WHEREAS**, the "Be SMART" safe firearm storage campaign emphasizes responsible gun ownership through the following principles: Securing all guns in homes and vehicles; Modeling responsible behavior around guns; Asking about the presence of unsecured guns in other homes; Recognizing the role of guns in suicide risk; and Telling peers to be SMART; and

**WHEREAS**, the Yolo County Board of Supervisors urges all residents, firearm owners, community organizations, and businesses to support, promote and incorporate safe gun storage practices into their daily routines; and

**WHEREAS**, education and awareness initiatives, such as Safe Gun Storage "Be SMART" Week, play a crucial role in promoting safer firearm principles and enhancing community safety.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors declares the week of August 26-30, 2024 Be SMART Awareness Week in Yolo County.

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

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

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Lucas Frerichs, Chair  
Yolo County Board of Supervisors