

**Yolo County  
Board of Supervisors**

**Resolution No. 24-142**

***Recognizing the Month of November as “Native American Heritage Month”***

**WHEREAS**, “Native American Heritage Month” has been established at the national and state levels with proclamations and celebrations to recognize the diverse cultures, traditions, histories, significant contributions and present day lives of Native Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Yolo was established in 1850, within an area of California that represented the un-ceded territory of indigenous people known as the Patwin or Southern Wintun; and

**WHEREAS**, the earliest historic written records of the Patwin (which literally means “people” in the native tribal language) begin with the Spanish mission explorations and registers, and ethno-historic records show the Patwin inhabited land from the hills of the eastern North Coast Ranges to the Sacramento River, and from Princeton south to the San Pablo and Suisun bays; and

**WHEREAS**, like most indigenous people throughout the United States, the Patwin people were forced from their ancestral lands onto reservations and rancherias during the early 1900s, where they currently reside, as citizens of three sovereign, federally-recognized tribal governments, today known as the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation, Kletsel Dehe Band of Wintun Indians, and Cachil Dehe Band of Wintun Indians; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Yolo is to be acknowledged as historical Patwin territory, out of respect for the Patwin people as the original stewards of the land upon which this County has thrived; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Yolo has a meaningful government-to-government relationship with the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation and works in partnership to address the needs of the community and improve the lives of people who live within their respective jurisdictions today; and

**WHEREAS**, Native people have made and continue to make distinct and significant contributions in many fields, including academic scholarship, agriculture, astronomy, art, business, education, ecology, engineering, environmentalism, economics, forestry, government, language, leadership, literature, mathematics, medicine, military, music, politics, poetry, science, and traditional cultural practices; and

**WHEREAS**, the designation of Native American Heritage Month will encourage educational institutions and departments in the County of Yolo to enhance their understanding of Native Americans by providing accurate curriculum, focusing on the local Patwin tribes, as well as the historical and contemporary achievements and contributions of Native Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Yolo discourages any and all forms of racial slurs, names, or imagery that depict indigenous people as mascots or logos in educational institutions, sports teams, or any other organization within this County; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Yolo will encourage its citizens to acknowledge and celebrate November as Native American Heritage Month every year to foster education, relationships, and cooperation with Native people while also supporting social and economic opportunities for them within Yolo County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes November as Native American Heritage Month in the County of Yolo, and commits itself to promote the health, safety, and well-being of indigenous and Native American populations year-round.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 5th day of November, 2024 by the following vote:

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

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Lucas Frerichs, Chair  
Yolo County Board of Supervisors