

**Yolo County
Board of Supervisors**

Resolution No. 24-144

***Proclaiming November 3-9, 2024 as “Retired Teachers Week” and
Recognition of the 95th Anniversary of the
California Retired Teachers Association***

WHEREAS, the California Retired Teachers Association has dedicated the past 95 years to protecting and advocating for retired and active educators, in addition to providing support for public education in local communities; and

WHEREAS, during the Great Depression, retired schoolteachers were receiving a pension estimated around \$500 per year with many living in poverty after a lifetime of teaching; and

WHEREAS, at the start of the Great Depression, the California Retired Teachers Association was formed in 1929 when Laura E. Settle, a retired teacher from the Pasadena School District, convened a meeting of nine teachers in her home to address actions to improve the lives of her fellow educators; and

WHEREAS, this first gathering of teachers by Laura E. Settle laid the foundation for the association to serve as a powerful advocate for retired teachers across the state; and

WHEREAS, Laura E. Settle became the founder and president of the California Retired Teachers Association, serving 16 years as president of the association until 1945; and

WHEREAS, the California Retired Teachers Association is now the nation’s largest retired teacher association and has achieved numerous legislative accomplishments on behalf of its membership; and

WHEREAS, the California Retired Teachers Association provides continuing support to current and future teachers statewide and in Yolo County, including grants, scholarships and donations of more than \$750,000 a year; and

WHEREAS, retired teachers led by example, including dozens of members who have given more than 4,000 hours of volunteer service annually; and

WHEREAS, in Yolo County, educators representing the five school districts have donated 24,000 volunteer hours.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims November 3-9, 2024 as Retired Teachers Week and recognizes the contributions of the California Retired Teachers Association, offering congratulations for 95 years of service, and offers best wishes for continued success in the future.

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

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

Lucas Frerichs, Chair
Yolo County Board of Supervisors