

**Yolo County
Board of Supervisors**

Resolution No. 24-156

Declaring December 3rd 2024 as International Day of Persons with Disabilities

WHEREAS, according to the United Nations, an estimated 1.3 billion people experience significant disability, representing 16% of the world's population or 1 in every 6 people; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations declared "Amplifying the leadership of persons with disabilities for an inclusive and sustainable future" as the 2024 theme of International Day of Persons with Disabilities, emphasizing the basic requirements of participation, representation, and inclusion in shaping the conditions of people's lives; and

WHEREAS, disability takes many forms, including physical, intellectual, developmental, sensory, mental, speech, learning, and other disabilities, including those that are readily apparent and those that are not apparent to others, each with its own set of challenges, including health and socioeconomic inequities, exclusion from education and employment, and stigma; and

WHEREAS, bringing attention to the challenges faced by persons with disabilities and including people with disabilities in civic life, leadership, and decision-making is key to decreasing inequity; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2023 American Community Survey, over 23,000 Yolo County residents have some type of disability; and

WHEREAS, reliable transportation and supportive, low-income housing are some of the key challenges faced by people with disabilities, especially those who live in rural areas; and

WHEREAS, organizations in Yolo County doing the important work of providing critical information, services, and resources to people with disabilities include the Developmental Disability Future Planning Group of Yolo County, Yolo Healthy Aging Alliance, Resources for Independent Living, Alta California Regional Center, NAMI Yolo, United Cerebral Palsy, Team Davis, and more; and

WHEREAS, Yolo County advisory bodies that include, serve, and represent residents with disabilities include the Commission on Aging and Adult Services, In-Home Supportive Services Advisory Committee, Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee, and Yolo County Office of Emergency Services' Access and Functional Needs Working Group; and

WHEREAS, the County of Yolo will continue looking for opportunities to support and include community members who have disabilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors hereby declares December 3rd, 2024 as International Day of Persons with Disabilities, and encourages residents in Yolo County to give full support to empowering members of the community with disabilities with opportunities to thrive.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of December 2024 by the following vote:

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

Lucas Frerichs, Chair
Yolo County Board of Supervisors