

**Yolo County
Board of Supervisors**

Resolution No. 24-157

Resolution Recognizing December as HIV/AIDS Awareness Month

WHEREAS, the global spread of HIV infection and AIDS necessitates a worldwide effort to increase communication, education and action to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, HIV/ AIDS Awareness Month provides an opportunity to focus on HIV infection and AIDS, caring for people with HIV infection and AIDS, and learning about HIV and AIDS; and

WHEREAS, global leaders have pledged to work towards universal access to HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment, and care, recognizing these as fundamental human rights; and

WHEREAS, the Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) estimates that globally 39.9 million people are living with HIV and in 2023 there were 1.3 million new HIV infections and 630,000 HIV related deaths; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recognizes that the number of people diagnosed and living with HIV and AIDS in the United States is estimated at over one million; and

WHEREAS, in Yolo County 360 people are known to be living with HIV and 10 local residents lost their lives to the disease between 2018-2022; and

WHEREAS, Yolo County has authorized syringe exchange programs to combat the spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, 13 percent of those infected with HIV are unaware of their infection while effective HIV care—including drug therapies and regular access to primary health care—can help people manage their HIV disease and live longer; and

WHEREAS, Yolo County Public Health and community partners offer HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis navigation services to prevent new infections; and

WHEREAS, free and low-cost HIV testing options are available locally through partners like Communicare+OLE, Planned Parenthood Mar Monte, Winters Healthcare, and more, as well as through the CDC's "Together Take Me Home" program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes December as HIV/ AIDS Awareness Month and urges all citizens of Yolo County to take part in activities designated to increase awareness and understanding of HIV and AIDS and to join in the effort to prevent the transmission of HIV.

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