

**Yolo County
Board of Supervisors**

Resolution No. 25-24

Declaring April 7-13, 2025 as National Public Health Week

WHEREAS, the week of April 7 - 13, 2025, marks the 30th National Public Health Week, and the theme is "It Starts Here" highlighting the importance of making a difference in our home, community and state; and

WHEREAS, in the past 30 years significant strides have been made in public health, including the following public health successes:

- (1) health impacts of climate change such as rising heat-related deaths were under-recognized in 1994 but are now being recognized and combatted by public health institutions worldwide.
- (2) childhood mortality, which was at a rate of 13.8 deaths per 1,000 live births in 1994, has now fallen to 5.4 deaths per 1,000 live births due to vaccines, better healthcare access and nutrition;
- (3) mental health awareness and treatment, with 40% of people with mental health conditions being untreated in 1994, has progressed with increased awareness, parity laws and integration into primary care, which have expanded access to mental health services and reduced treatment gaps; and

WHEREAS, public health professionals help communities prevent, prepare for, withstand and recover from the impact of a full range of health threats, ranging from infectious disease outbreaks to natural disaster preparedness; and

WHEREAS, efforts to adequately support public health and the prevention of disease and injury can continue to transform a health system focused on treating illness into a health system focused on preventing disease and injury and promoting wellness; and

WHEREAS, communities of color in Yolo County continue to experience an inequitable burden of illness and death, as compared with the overall population of the county; and

WHEREAS, the Yolo County Public Health Department is committed to addressing health inequities that exist in marginalized communities and communities of color by taking a health equity approach to policies, programs, and collaborative efforts that impact the determinants of health; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Health Division does essential work for the government and residents of Yolo County by providing consumer protection, conducting food safety investigations, managing our public water systems, handling hazardous materials, ensuring code compliance, and more; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has taken steps to attack public health systems, including by withdrawing the United States from the World Health Organization and working to freeze foreign aid; working to cut off federal funding for public health programs; cutting staff and funding for mental health services, including Veterans' mental health services; denying funding for universities engaged in public health research; and more; and

WHEREAS the Yolo County Board of Supervisors, through their county strategic plan, have prioritized Health Equity and Health in All Policies initiatives

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors hereby declares April 7 - 13, 2025, as **Public Health Week** in Yolo County. We observe this week by recognizing the outstanding work done by the Public Health Department, Environmental Health, and everyone else making our communities healthier, safer, and stronger. We pledge to support and stay engaged with one another in light of this year's theme, "**It Starts with Here**" highlighting the importance of making a difference in our home, community and state.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 25th day of March 2025 by the following vote:

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

Mary Vixie Sandy, Chair
Yolo County Board of Supervisors