

**Yolo County
Board of Supervisors**

Resolution No. 25-48

Proclaiming May 2025 as Jewish American Heritage Month in Yolo County

WHEREAS, Jewish American History Month is a national month of recognition and celebration that has been held each May since 2006; and

WHEREAS, from our Nation's beginning, Jewish people have been a critical part of the American story; and

WHEREAS, the earliest history of Jewish immigrants in California predates our statehood, with the first Jewish settlers being documented in the early 1840s, and the Gold Rush marking the first wider migration, especially to Northern California; and

WHEREAS, through recognizing and celebrating heritage months, we learn about one another, honor the richness of the diversity of the United States, and strengthen the fabric of society in the United States; and

WHEREAS, as we celebrate the rich heritage of our Jewish American community, we recognize that throughout more than 350 years of our Nation's history, American Jews have contributed to building strong communities and worked to protect religious freedom and civil rights, joining people of all faiths, backgrounds, and identities to reject ignorance and intolerance, teach understanding and kindness, and root out hatred wherever it exists; and

WHEREAS, American Jews have greatly contributed to every facet of the American experience, including in the fields of science, music, art, education, business, government, medicine, and numerous others; and

WHEREAS, Jewish people have been subjected to ostracism, hatred, and violent persecution throughout world history, we recognize that our Jewish neighbors continue to face incidents of hate, bigotry and intimidation, on our streets and in our schools; while Jewish Americans, constitute no more than 2% of the U.S. population, the FBI reports that anti-Jewish hate crimes constitute approximately 60% of all religiously based hate crimes; and

WHEREAS, Yolo County has an obligation to combat antisemitism in all its many forms, wherever it exists; and

WHEREAS, Yolo County is enriched by a united and multicultural society, where every individual is treated equally and respectfully, with safety, and inclusion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Yolo County joins Jewish Americans in celebrating May 2025 as Jewish American Heritage Month, to celebrate the many contributions Jewish Americans have made to our society and culture.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of May, 2025 by the following vote:

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

Mary Vixie Sandy, Chair
Yolo County Board of Supervisors