

**Yolo County  
Board of Supervisors**

**Resolution No. 25-59**

***Proclaiming June 19, 2025 as Juneteenth in Yolo County***

**WHEREAS**, Juneteenth commemorates the day that enslaved African Americans in Galveston, Texas were informed of their emancipation by the Union Army, over two years after President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation; and

**WHEREAS**, slavery was formally abolished in the United States by the ratification of the 13th Amendment on December 6, 1865; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 19, 1866, formerly enslaved African Americans in Texas celebrated the first “Jubilee Day,” the holiday we now know as Juneteenth; and

**WHEREAS**, June 19th, 2025, will mark the 160th Anniversary of that historic day and 4 years since President Biden signed a bill officially designating Juneteenth as a federal holiday and a National Day of Observance; and

**WHEREAS**, Juneteenth has been celebrated in Yolo County for over 20 years and was first celebrated by Yolo County Library and the Culture C.O.-O.P. in 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2019, the Yolo County Board of Supervisors worked with county staff to create the Yolo County Inclusion and Diversity Taskforce, a multi-agency taskforce designed to address systemic racism within the county’s many agencies and advance a more equitable approach to service delivery; and

**WHEREAS**, under the guidance of the County’s Umoja Committee, the 2025 Juneteenth theme, “Honoring Our Ancestors, Empowering Our Future,” will highlight the importance of Black historical preservation, intergenerational knowledge, and investing in Black youth leadership and civic engagement; and

**WHEREAS**, recent national and local conversations around reparations, Black maternal health disparities, and equitable education have elevated the urgency of addressing ongoing systemic inequalities in health, housing, and economic opportunity; and

**WHEREAS**, the Yolo County Board of Supervisors continues to work alongside the Inclusion and Diversity Taskforce and the Umoja Committee—a cultural competency affinity group of Black/African American leaders—to implement programs and policies that support the well-being and advancement of Black residents across the county; and

**WHEREAS**, Juneteenth is a time to celebrate freedom and resilience, and also a time to renew our commitment to equity, dignity, and justice for all.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim June 19, 2025, as **Juneteenth in Yolo County** and reaffirms its commitment to racial equity, cultural celebration, and social justice.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2025 by the following vote:

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

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Mary Vixie Sandy, Chair  
Yolo County Board of Supervisors