

**Yolo County
Board of Supervisors**

Resolution No. 25-73

Recognizing the 10th Anniversary of the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument

WHEREAS, the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument was established by President Barack Obama on July 10, 2015, and expanded by President Biden in May 2024 to include Molok Luyuk, bringing the total protected area to 344,476 acres; and

WHEREAS, this diverse landscape ranks in the top 5% of U.S. public lands for biodiversity and ecological integrity, offering critical habitat for bald eagles, tule elk, mountain lions, and rare endemic plant species; and

WHEREAS, the Monument plays a vital role in climate resilience by protecting intact ecosystems, carbon sinks, and fire-dependent habitats that benefit from traditional ecological knowledge and Indigenous burning practices; and

WHEREAS, the area is the ancestral homeland of numerous Native American tribes and contains sacred sites, ceremonial spaces, and a deep cultural and linguistic heritage reflecting over 20,000 years of continuous Native American occupation; and

WHEREAS, the recent co-stewardship agreement between the Bureau of Land Management and the Wintun Nations marks a national precedent for Indigenous-led land management and affirms the significance of Tribal leadership in conservation; and

WHEREAS, the Monument supports sustainable economic growth through outdoor recreation, educational opportunities, and nature-based tourism, while enhancing public access and preserving California's Gold Rush history; and

WHEREAS, the 10th Anniversary provides an opportunity to celebrate the success of community-driven conservation efforts and honor all who have worked to preserve the natural, cultural, and spiritual values of this treasured landscape.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes the 10th Anniversary of the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument and commends the many Tribal partners, community members, advocates, and agencies whose work continues to protect and uplift this extraordinary region.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of July, 2025 by the following vote:

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

Mary Vixie Sandy, Chair
Yolo County Board of Supervisors