

**Yolo County
Board of Supervisors**

Resolution No. 25-91

Recognizing August 25-29, 2025 as SMART Week

WHEREAS, firearms are the leading cause of death among children and teens in the United States, and

WHEREAS, Yolo County is committed to fostering a safe environment for its youth; and

WHEREAS, nearly every day in this country, a child gains access to a firearm and unintentionally harms themselves or others; and

WHEREAS, research confirms that storing guns unloaded, locked, and separate from ammunition is the most effective way to prevent child access; and

WHEREAS, over half of gun owners do not securely lock all firearms, and approximately 4.6 million children live in homes with at least one unlocked and loaded gun; and

WHEREAS, unsecured firearms pose risks of accidental harm, suicide, and theft-related crime; and

WHEREAS, all community members, gun owners and non-owners alike, can take steps to reduce these risks; and

WHEREAS, schools, hospitals, agencies, and organizations play a vital role in promoting secure storage and firearm safety education; and

WHEREAS, the Be SMART campaign encourages responsible gun practices: Secure firearms, Model safe behavior, Ask about unsecured guns in homes your child visits, Recognize the role of guns in suicide, and Tell others to Be SMART; and

WHEREAS, the Yolo Gun Violence Prevention Collaborative unites local stakeholders to share resources and develop strategies to prevent gun violence; and

WHEREAS, SMART Week raises public awareness about secure gun storage and promotes community education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes August 25-29, 2025 as SMART Week and commends Be SMART, a program developed by the Everytown for Gun Safety Support Fund, and all involved in their endeavor to keep communities safe.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of August 2025 by the following vote:

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

Mary Vixie Sandy, Chair
Yolo County Board of Supervisors