

**Yolo County
Board of Supervisors**

Resolution No. 25-93

Declaring September 2025 Rail Safety Month in Yolo County

WHEREAS, freight train operators, including Union Pacific Railroad, BNSF Railway, and California Northern Railroad along with Amtrak and Capitol Corridor commuter rail operators and multiple heavy and light rail systems, run through densely populated areas of California on a daily basis, including the “City of Davis Yolo County” Corridor; and

WHEREAS, California has the highest number of rail related fatalities in the United States, with incidents having increased from 391 in 2020 to 476 in 2024, including pedestrian and trespasser incidents; and

WHEREAS, trains have the right-of-way 100 percent of the time, and the Federal Railroad Administration, California Department of Transportation, and California Public Utilities Commission, alongside California Operation Lifesaver, Union Pacific Railroad, BNSF Railway, and freight and passenger rail operators, are working to improve rail safety and educate children and adults about the dangers of not obeying signs and signals around railroad property; and

WHEREAS, September is historically back-to-school month for most children and college students, and because many of these children must cross railroad tracks to get to school, it is important to reinforce the rail safety message with children and their caretakers, and

WHEREAS, with growth in passenger and freight rail traffic expected, including along the “City of Davis/Yolo County” Corridor, there is a need to maintain and improve grade separations, crossings, warning devices, gates, and signals to enhance rail safety; and

WHEREAS, California Operation Lifesaver, in partnership with Union Pacific, BNSF Railway and California Northern Railroad along with Amtrak and Capitol Corridor commuter rail operators, and local stakeholders, promotes the “Stop Track Tragedies” and “Partners United for Rail Safety” campaigns to reduce rail-related incidents through education, engineering, and enforcement; and

WHEREAS, railroad operators, motor vehicle operators, and pedestrians must work together to reduce the likelihood of railroad-vehicle and railroad-pedestrian incidents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Yolo County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims September 2025 as Rail Safety Month and commends the efforts to improve railroad safety along the “City of Davis/Yolo County” Corridor and beyond.

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