

**Yolo County  
Board of Supervisors**

**Resolution No. 25-95**

***Declaring August 31, 2025 as International Overdose Awareness Day***

**WHEREAS**, new provisional data from the Centers for Disease Control's (CDC's) National Vital Statistics System predict a nearly 24% decline in drug overdose deaths in the United States for the 12 months ending in September 2024, compared to the previous year; and

**WHEREAS**, provisional data show about 87,000 drug overdose deaths from October 2023 to September 2024, down from around 114,000 the previous year. This is the fewest overdose deaths in any 12-month period since June 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, in Yolo County, during the same [or comparable] reporting period, 26 individuals succumbed to opiate (22 of the 26 were fentanyl deaths) poisoning deaths, compared to the previous year (30 total opiate deaths, 28 of the 30 were fentanyl deaths); and

**WHEREAS**, overdose remains the leading cause of death for Americans aged 18-44 according to the CDC, highlighting the importance of sustained efforts to ensure this progress continues; and

**WHEREAS**, Yolo County elected officials and agencies collectively support the concept of harm reduction and treatment where appropriate, rather than incarceration for those suffering from Substance Use Disorders (SUD); and

**WHEREAS**, the Yolo County Opioid Coalition (YCOC), an organization comprising county Corrections, Behavioral Health, Health and Human Services, along with non-county health care partners, UC Davis and members of the public, exists to strengthen connection and relationships between service providers and community members, and support paths to health for communities impacted by opioid use and addiction; and

**WHEREAS**, the Yolo County Opioid Coalition will sponsor and staff a booth offering education, resources and giveaways for those concerned about or affected by SUD during the Yolo County Fair, August 13—17, 2025, in Woodland, and look for additional ways to highlight county services; and

**WHEREAS**, International Overdose Awareness Day is scheduled for August 31, 2025. Each year since its inception in 2001, there have been more than 1,000 events held around the world to supporting bringing an end to overdose; and

**WHEREAS**, the Yolo County Board of Supervisors supports the right of every community member to respectful and comprehensive health care, and advocates a community-wide effort to end overdose.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims August 31, 2025, as International Overdose Awareness Day.

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

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

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Mary Vixie Sandy, Chair  
Yolo County Board of Supervisors