

**Yolo County
Board of Supervisors**

Resolution No. 25-134

Recognizing the Month of November as “Native American Heritage Month” in Yolo County

WHEREAS, “Native American Heritage Month” has been established at the national and state levels with proclamations and celebrations to honor the diverse cultures, traditions, histories, significant contributions, and present day lives of Native American peoples; and

WHEREAS, the County of Yolo was established in 1850 within an area of California that is the un-ceded homeland of the Patwin (Southern Wintun) peoples, whose historic territory extends from the eastern North Coast Ranges to the Sacramento River and south toward the San Pablo and Suisun Bays; and

WHEREAS, today there are three federally recognized Patwin/Wintun tribal governments with homelands in and around the Yolo region: the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation, the Kletsel Dehe Wintun Nation, and the Cachil DeHe Band of Wintun Indians of the Colusa Indian Community; local institutions and school districts, including UC Davis and DJUSD, formally acknowledge this Patwin homeland in their land acknowledgment statements; and

WHEREAS, the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation has lived since time immemorial on lands now known as Yolo, Solano, Colusa, Lake, and Napa Counties and remains centered in Yolo County’s Capay Valley; the Nation sustains a diverse tribal economy including the Séka Hills agricultural enterprise and olive mill that supports Tribal and local growers with milling, storage, and bottling services; and Yocha Dehe continues active stewardship of natural and working lands in the Valley; and

WHEREAS, Yolo County and the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation maintain a meaningful government to government partnership memorialized by an Intergovernmental Agreement that directs significant investments to county and community priorities (more than \$161 million over 22 years); and

WHEREAS, Native peoples have made and continue to make distinct and significant contributions across academic scholarship, agriculture, ecology, education, engineering, governance, health, language, leadership, the arts, and cultural lifeways; and in Yolo County, community partnerships reflect these contributions in areas ranging from education and child development to land stewardship and local economies; and

WHEREAS, current demographic and planning data underscore Yolo County’s growth and community change reinforcing the importance of inclusive recognition and partnership with Tribal governments as the County plans for the future; and

WHEREAS, Yolo County encourages educational institutions, departments, and community organizations to provide accurate information about local Patwin history and contemporary Tribal governments, and to discourage any use of racial slurs, imagery, or mascots that depict Indigenous peoples, in order to promote dignity, understanding, and respect;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes the month of November as Native American Heritage Month in Yolo County; affirms the County’s commitment to respectful, transparent government-to-government relations with the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation and neighboring Patwin Tribal governments; and commits to promoting the health, safety, cultural vitality, and well-being of Indigenous and Native American communities in Yolo County year-round.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of November, 2025 by the following vote:

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

Mary Vixie Sandy, Chair
Yolo County Board of Supervisors