

**Yolo County
Board of Supervisors**

Resolution No. 25-148

Resolution Recognizing December 2025 as HIV/AIDS Awareness Month

WHEREAS, the global spread of HIV infection and AIDS necessitates a worldwide effort to increase education and action to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, HIV/AIDS Awareness Month provides an opportunity to focus on HIV infection and AIDS, caring for people with HIV infection and AIDS, and learning about HIV and AIDS; and

WHEREAS, global leaders have pledged to work towards universal access to HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment, and care, recognizing these as fundamental human rights, while in the United States funding for research and international response has recently decreased; and

WHEREAS, the Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) estimates that globally 40.8 million people are living with HIV and in 2024 there were 1.3 million new HIV infections and 630,000 HIV related deaths; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recognizes that the number of people with HIV and AIDS in the United States is around 1.2 million and that about 12% of infected people don't know their status and need testing to decrease the spread and provide lifesaving medication; and

WHEREAS, in Yolo County 387 people are known to be living with HIV and 6 local residents lost their lives to the disease between 2019-2023; and

WHEREAS, Yolo County has authorized syringe exchange programs to combat the spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, 12 percent of those infected with HIV are unaware of their infection while effective HIV care—including drug therapies and regular access to primary health care—can help people manage their HIV disease and live longer; and

WHEREAS, Yolo County Public Health and community partners offer HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PreP) navigation services to prevent new infections; and

WHEREAS, free and low-cost HIV testing options are available locally through partners like Communicare+OLE, Planned Parenthood Mar Monte, Winters Healthcare, and more, as well as through the CDC's "Together Take Me Home" program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes December 2025 as HIV/AIDS Awareness Month and urges all citizens of Yolo County to take part in activities designated to increase awareness and understanding of HIV and AIDS and to join in the effort to prevent the transmission of HIV.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of December, 2025 by the following vote:

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

Mary Vixie Sandy, Chair
Yolo County Board of Supervisors