

**Yolo County  
Board of Supervisors**

**Resolution No. 26-07**

**PROCLAMATION IN HONOR OF THE PENCE GALLERY CELEBRATING ITS  
50 YEAR ANNIVERSARY**

**WHEREAS**, in 1968 Joe and Hazel Pence, local benefactors with a strong interest in the arts, gifted their former dental office and the surrounding property to the City of Davis for park and rest purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, a consortium of arts patrons petitioned the city for the building's use as a gallery, leading to its establishment as a non-profit arts organization named in the Pencses' honor; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pence Gallery Association was formed in 1975 and incorporated in 1976 by a small group of community leaders, UC Davis professors, and artists; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pence Gallery has occupied the 212 D Street location in downtown Davis since 1975; and

**WHEREAS**, enhancing its location through a Capital Campaign and unveiled in 2005, the current facility is an architectural achievement designed by the firm Barcelon Jang Architecture based in San Francisco; and

**WHEREAS**, this modern space stands on the original site of the Pence Gallery and features three distinct gallery spaces: the Andresen Learning Center Gallery, the Dowling Community Gallery, and the Coldwell Banker Main Gallery; and

**WHEREAS**, annually approximately 20,000 people visit, enjoying exhibits, programs, artist talks and lectures, and events, including the monthly 2nd Friday ArtAbout, and

**WHEREAS**, the Pence supports the development of local and regional artists, offering several calls for artists each year, including our *Emerging Artist Award*, *Slice: A Juried Exhibit of Regional Art*, *Exhibit It!*, and the *Night Market* for young people ages 16 -25; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout its history, many regional artists, now recognized nationally, exhibited at the Pence early in their careers.

**WHEREAS**, the Pence evolved into an art educational resource for elementary, high school, and university students through its internship program and ArtSmart program.

**WHEREAS**, the Pence brings adults of all abilities artistic stimulation and an opportunity to experiment, discover, and create under the guidance of talented local and regional artists; and

**WHEREAS**, The Pence Gallery has contributed to the scholarly documentation of Northern California art and culture through research and catalogue publication; and

**WHEREAS**, annually on the first Sunday in May since 2006, the Pence has hosted the Pence Gallery Garden Tour, a Davis-wide self-guided tour of 5-8 gardens, celebrating innovation, beauty, and creativity in the outdoors; and

**WHEREAS**, since 2011, the Pence has been voted the best Art Gallery in Yolo County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pence Gallery has had numerous dedicated Board members and presidents over the years, and

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**WHEREAS**, the Pence over the past 50 years has established itself as a Davis institution where art matters, community matters, and is dedicated to fostering creativity and supporting the arts for generations to come.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the citizens of Yolo County, hereby congratulates the Pence Gallery on providing the Yolo County community with 50 years of art, education, and excellence.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 27th day of January, 2026 by the following vote:

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

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Sheila A. Allen, Chair  
Yolo County Board of Supervisors