

**Yolo County
Board of Supervisors**

Resolution No. 26-43

***Recognizing April 2026 as Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month
in Yolo County***

WHEREAS, sexual violence is an urgent public health and human rights issues that harm individuals, is preventable when communities unite with courage, compassion, and commitment; and

WHEREAS, Yolo County recognizes that prevention requires not only responding after harm occurs, but also advancing proactive, community-driven strategies that address the root causes of sexual violence; and

WHEREAS, community members, families, neighborhoods, and peer leaders (Promotores) play a vital role in shaping environments where healthy, respectful, and equitable relationships can thrive; and

WHEREAS, Empower Yolo and CommuniCare+Ole continue to be leaders in supporting survivors and advancing prevention efforts; and its Rape Prevention and Education Promotores Program engages trusted community leaders to uplift cultural strengths, fosters prevention at the neighborhood level, and builds bridges to safety, healing, and collective resilience; and

WHEREAS, strengthening the economic security of girls and women increases independence, expands opportunity, and builds resilience, all protective factors that reduce vulnerability to violence; and

WHEREAS, transforming harmful gender norms and promoting values of respect, equity, and shared responsibility creates conditions where sexual violence is less likely to occur and all people can thrive; and

WHEREAS, Yolo County affirms that prevention is most effective when rooted in community engagement, culturally responsive education, and partnerships that center the leadership and lived experiences of those most impacted; and

WHEREAS, Yolo County recognizes that safe and healthy communities are built when people have access to opportunity, stability, and support, and that these conditions are essential to prevent sexual violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Yolo County does hereby recognizes April 2026 as Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month, and stands in unity with survivors, families, advocates, leaders, and community members, reaffirming its commitment to building a future free from sexual violence.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of April, 2026 by the following vote:

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

Sheila A. Allen, Chair
Yolo County Board of Supervisors