

**Yolo County  
Board of Supervisors**

**Resolution No. 26-49**

***Honoring May as Asian American and Pacific Islander  
Heritage Month in Yolo County***

**WHEREAS**, the people of the United States join together each May to pay tribute to the contributions of generations of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders who have enriched the history of the United States; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Asian-American and Pacific Islander community is an inherently diverse population, composed of all of the Asian continent and the Pacific islands of Melanesia, Micronesia, and Polynesia; and,

**WHEREAS**, there are approximately 25,000,000 residents of the United States who identify as Asian and approximately 1,700,000 residents of the United States who identify as Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander with the highest population concentrated in Hawaii and California; and,

**WHEREAS**, the month of May was selected for Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month because the first Japanese immigrants arrived in the United States on May 7, 1843, and the first transcontinental railroad was completed on May 10, 1869, with substantial contributions from Chinese immigrants; and,

**WHEREAS**, we recognize the history, achievements, and diversity of Asian Americans and Native Hawaiians/Pacific Islanders, and the systemic barriers to economic justice, health equity, educational attainment, and personal safety experienced by many in the Asian-American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander community; and,

**WHEREAS**, in 2022, Lisa Yeps Salinas, a strong Yolo County advocate for Asian Americans, asked former Supervisor Gary Sandy to present the first resolution honoring AAPIHM to bring awareness of harassment locally and throughout the United States of Asian Americans who were being attacked under the misguided belief that Asian Americans were connected to starting the Covid pandemic; and,

**WHEREAS**, the 2026 theme for Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage month is “Power in Unity: Strengthening Communities Together,” highlighting the importance of leveraging collective power, telling stories, and being bridge builders in their communities; and,

**WHEREAS**, Yolo County will work to ensure that all members of AAPI communities — no matter their background, the language they speak, or their religious beliefs — are treated with dignity, respect, and equity;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors, in union with our Yolo County cities and residents, hereby recognize May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 5th day of May, 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