

**Yolo County
Board of Supervisors**

Resolution No. 26-114

Yolo County Proclaims September 14-18, 2026, as Disability Voting Rights Week

WHEREAS, voting is a fundamental right for all citizens, and having a disability must never be a barrier to participating in our democracy or casting a ballot privately and independently; and

WHEREAS, challenges to voting are experienced in different ways by people with mobility disabilities; people with blindness, low vision, or other vision disabilities; people who are D/deaf or hard of hearing; people with cognitive, speech, language, sensory, or learning disabilities; people who are neurodivergent; people with mental illness; and people with other disabilities, both readily apparent and not apparent to others, and whether or not the person self-identifies as having a disability; and

WHEREAS, the Yolo County Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee is a dedicated, cross-disability group of community members and subject-matter experts who draw on lived and professional experience to advise the Yolo County Elections Office on maximizing voting accessibility; and

WHEREAS, the Yolo County Elections Office's commitment to voting accessibility includes incorporating Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee recommendations, implementing the Voter's Choice Act, and adopting and updating an Election Administration Plan that prioritizes outreach, education, and an accessible voting experience for all voters; and

WHEREAS, the Yolo County Elections Office will hold a Voter Education Workshop on October 7, 2026, to prepare voters for the November 3, 2026, General Election by providing information about the voting process and practice with voting equipment, including adaptive voting equipment; and,

WHEREAS, the Yolo County Elections Office and its Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee are part of a patriotic movement to promote the exercise of the right to vote by all eligible voters by removing informational and physical barriers; and

WHEREAS, the national disability rights community is organizing the ninth annual Disability Voting Rights Week for September 14-18, 2026, to protect the rights of people with disabilities and highlight the ongoing work to support voters with disabilities throughout the voting process; and

WHEREAS, the Yolo County Board of Supervisors promotes the involvement of members of the disability community and all citizens in the democratic process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the week of September 14-18, 2026, as Disability Voting Rights Week.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of September 2026 by the following vote:

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

Sheila Allen, Chair
Yolo County Board of Supervisors