

**Yolo County
Board of Supervisors**

Resolution No. 26-115

Recognizing August as National Immunization Awareness Month

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) has historically recognized the month of August as National Immunization Awareness Month to promote the importance of vaccines in our country; and

WHEREAS, misinformation about vaccines has become more widespread and even institutionalized within the Federal Government, making the need for reliable and scientifically-backed information about vaccines more pressing; and

WHEREAS, vaccines play a very important part in disease control by stimulating the body's natural defenses, which causes the immune system of recipients to create specific antibodies against a certain disease; and

WHEREAS, these antibodies help the recipient to build an immunity against that disease, which greatly increases the body's resistance to the virus and decreases the chances of serious sickness and contagiousness of the disease; and

WHEREAS, vaccinations are currently the best defense against illnesses including chickenpox, Covid-19, dengue, diphtheria, influenza, HPV, measles and many more; and

WHEREAS, vaccination against these diseases saves countless lives every year, with vaccines preventing an estimated 508 million illnesses and 1.1 million deaths from 1994-2023 in the US alone; and

WHEREAS, an example of vaccine importance is the Covid-19 pandemic, which put the country in a lockdown and caused over 1 million deaths in the US before a vaccine was developed and distributed; and

WHEREAS, the American College of Physicians recommends people of all ages get regular vaccinations to protect ourselves and our communities from outbreaks of these serious diseases; and

WHEREAS, vaccinations are not only an important tool for personal health, but by being vaccinated, a person protects vulnerable populations and contributes to herd immunity so that the community stays safe and healthy; and

WHEREAS, as students start returning to school, National Immunization Awareness Month serves as a reminder for parents to make sure themselves and their children are up to date on medical visits and vaccines; and

WHEREAS, Yolo County understands the importance of public health for the success of its people, and acknowledges the important part vaccines play in keeping our communities healthy; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to continue to invest in making vaccines available to every person as to avoid breakouts of serious diseases and ensure that our communities flourish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes the month of August as National Immunization Awareness Month to emphasize the importance of vaccinations in decreasing disease severity and spread.

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

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

Sheila A. Allen, Chair
Yolo County Board of Supervisors