

**Yolo County
Board of Supervisors**

Resolution No. 26-117

***Proclaiming September 15 through October 15, 2026, as
Chicano/Latino Heritage Month***

WHEREAS, National Hispanic and Latino Heritage Month celebrates the rich history, culture, and countless achievements of the Hispanic and Latino communities, which are integral to the fabric of Yolo County; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month was first proposed in 1968 and was enacted into law on August 17, 1988, with the United States observing Hispanic Heritage Month annually from September 15th to October 15th; and

WHEREAS, the term Hispanic broadly refers to communities with origins from Spain and other Spanish-speaking countries, while Latino refers to those from Latin American countries. Additionally, the term Chicano celebrates individuals of Mexican descent and Indigenous heritage; and

WHEREAS, September 15th was chosen as the start date for this celebration to coincide with the Independence Day anniversaries of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua, followed by Mexico's independence on September 16th, Chile on September 18th, and Belize on September 21st; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latino communities have made profound and lasting contributions to the history, culture, and achievements of Yolo County through their unwavering commitment to family, faith, education, hard work, and public service, enriching the county's diversity and vitality; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latino residents have played a critical role in Yolo County's progress, contributing significantly in sectors including agriculture, healthcare, education, public service, arts, and more; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Hispanic Heritage Month is to honor and raise awareness of the contributions made by people of Hispanic and Latino heritage, who serve as civil rights leaders, educators, public officials, healthcare workers, artists, first responders, and in many other essential roles that drive the growth and prosperity of Yolo County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Yolo County reaffirms its commitment to recognizing and celebrating the contributions and legacy of its Hispanic and Latino communities, expressing deep appreciation for their enduring impact on our neighborhoods, economy, and culture. During this month and throughout the year, we honor the strength, diversity, and unity that these communities bring to Yolo County, enriching the lives of all residents.

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