



**Yolo County Board of Education and
Yolo County Superintendent of Schools**

**Resolution #21-22/36
Child Abuse Prevention Month – April 2022**

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect continue to pose serious threats to our nation's children; and

WHEREAS, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), such as physical, emotional, and sexual abuse, neglect, and parental stress or illness, can have short- and long-term outcomes, including a multitude of health and social problems; and

WHEREAS, early evidence-based prevention and intervention efforts are less costly than trying to address the adverse effects of child maltreatment, both in human and financial terms; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, according to the California Child Welfare Indicators Project, 461 children in Yolo County were found to be victims of abuse and/or neglect; and

WHEREAS, at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, children had decreased access to mandated reporters, such as teachers and medical providers; and

WHEREAS, the Yolo County Children's Alliance (YCCA) was founded as the Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC) of Yolo County in 2002 and for the past 20 years, has continued to coordinate county efforts to prevent and respond to child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, Yolo County's child abuse prevention efforts are fostered by the contributions of the following agencies and organizations: CommuniCare Health Centers, Empower Yolo, First 5 Yolo, West Sacramento Police Department, Yolo County CASA, Yolo County District Attorney's Office- Multi-Disciplinary Interview Center, Yolo County HHSA, Yolo County Probation, and the Yolo County Office of Education; and

WHEREAS, preventing child abuse and neglect is a community issue, and Yolo County is fortunate to have people and organizations who work to bring awareness to this issue and who help children and families dealing with abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, community-based prevention services can strengthen families and reduce the likelihood of child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, prevention can only be accomplished if we as a county take charge to offer parents and families the support and tools they need to provide healthy, nurturing homes for their children; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Yolo County Board of Education proclaims the month of April 2022 as “Child Abuse Prevention Month” and encourages participation in appropriate educational programs and activities that educate the community on issues of child abuse and neglect.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of March 2022 by the following vote:

AYES: Esquivel, Moreno, Souza Cole, Yip, Zendejas

NOES: None

ABSENT: None



Melissa Moreno, President
Yolo County Board of Education



Garth Lewis
Yolo County Superintendent of
Schools