OFFICE OF EDUCATION

Yolo County Board of Education and Yolo County Superintendent of Schools

Resolution #23-24/48 In Remembrance of the 70th Anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education

WHEREAS, on May 17, 1954, the U.S. Supreme Court changed the course of our nation's history with the court's ruling in Brown v. Board of Education, which overturned the doctrine of "separate but equal" in our country's public schools and affirmed the right of educational equality for all, regardless of race; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court's decision became the legal impetus to school desegregation throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, Brown v. Board of Education was not a single case but rather a coordinated group of five lawsuits against school districts in Kansas, South Caroline, Delaware, Virginia, and the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, the court ruling was decades in the making and would not have been possible without support from determined parents, students, activists and attorneys who worked tirelessly to advance the cause of justice; and

WHEREAS, Brown v. Board of Education helped tear down barriers that limited opportunity and stunted aspirations of generations of African Americans; and

WHEREAS, while the Supreme Court's decision did not achieve school desegregation on its own, many credit the Brown v. Board of Education decision as energizing the civil rights movement and permanently altering race relations in the United States; and

WHEREAS, today, there is no dispute that diverse schools – from kindergarten through college and beyond – strengthen our education system; and

WHEREAS, 70 years after the Brown v. Board of Education ruling, we continue to strive to fulfill the promise of equality and combatting racial inequalities in the education system; and

WHEREAS, the 70th anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education provides an invaluable educational opportunity for schools to incorporate this pivotal narrative into classroom instruction; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Yolo County Board of Education and the Yolo County Superintendent of Schools does hereby recognize the 70th anniversary of the Brown v. Board of Education ruling and stands with our school district, elected officials,

to commit to ensuring that all students receive the high-quality education to which they are entitled.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Yolo County Board of Education and the Yolo County Superintendent of Schools at a meeting held on May 14, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: Esquivel, Moreno, Salud-Ambriz, Yip, Zendejas NOES: None ABSENT: None

Shelton Yip, President Yolo County Board of Education

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