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May 31 World No Tobacco Day

(Woodland, CA) – Every year, communities around the world mark May 31 as ‘World No Tobacco Day’, highlighting the health risks associated with tobacco use and advocating for effective policies to reduce tobacco consumption. In commemoration of the event, the Yolo County Tobacco Prevention Program invites residents to join in their efforts to stamp out tobacco use in Yolo County.

“Tobacco use is still the number one cause for preventable deaths worldwide,” said Yolo County Health Officer Constance Caldwell, M.D. “Every year, over 40,000 Californians, 480,000 Americans and 6 million people worldwide die due to tobacco-related illnesses. Regrettably, many who die will not be smokers themselves, but instead, were put at risk due to secondhand smoke. Now, with electronic cigarettes enabling more and more youth to get hooked on nicotine, it will take the support of the entire Yolo County community to fight back against all deadly and addictive tobacco products.”

The Yolo County Tobacco Prevention Program has been instrumental in bringing greater protection from tobacco countywide. With the help of locally elected officials, Yolo County has created smoke-free zones around businesses and at parks, has reduced youth access to tobacco products and has begun efforts to protect workers and residents from e-cigarette secondhand vapors. The Yolo County Tobacco Prevention Program has also created coalitions for both youth and adults to get involved in tobacco reduction efforts in the community.

Those interested in learning more about tobacco prevention coalitions or ways to help reduce tobacco use, please contact the Yolo County Tobacco Prevention Program at (530) 666-8616. For those who currently use tobacco and would like help quitting, please call the California Smokers’ Helpline at 1-800-NO BUTTS or go to their website at www.nobutts.org.

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