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## Yolo County Board of Supervisors Proclaims June as LGBTQ+ Pride Month

(Woodland, CA) – On June 6, 2023, the Yolo County Board of Supervisors proclaimed June as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Questioning (LGBTQ+) Pride Month. In celebration of this month, the Board of Supervisors affirmed their support and commitment to policy aimed toward strengthening inclusionary practices and removing barriers for those who identify as LGBTQ+.

Yolo County is home to a large LGBTQ+ youth and adult population. As such, the Board of Supervisors and County Administrator's Office have encouraged county departments to provide comprehensive and specialized services for the LGBTQ+ community. The board publicly acknowledges Pride Month as a sign of inclusivity to both LGBTQ+ community members and county employees who identify as LGBTQ+.

"I was honored to present this resolution to two students from River City High School in West Sacramento, to convey the county's efforts to better engage and serve our diverse LGBTQ+ communities," said Yolo County Board of Supervisors Chair Oscar Villegas.

Human Resource Director Alberto Lara added, "The County of Yolo consults with community-based organizations and empowers those with lived experiences in the LGBTQ+ community as a means of creating an inclusive foundation for our policies and training."

"Above all, the Board of Supervisors proclamation reinforces our commitment to serving the LGBTQ+ community in a way that asserts LGBTQ+ rights are human rights," said Yolo County Chief Administrative Officer Gerardo Pinedo."

Since 1971, Pride Month has been celebrated throughout June, beginning with the Christopher Street West Pride Festival in Southern California. Since then, many other celebrations have been established throughout the nation, state and in Yolo County. Check your local community calendar for Pride Month Celebrations in your areas.

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Attachment: Picture from LGBTQ+ Pride Month resolution presentation during Board of Supervisors meeting