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County Transferring Domains to .gov For Enhanced Security

(Woodland, CA) – Yolo County is proactively enhancing the security and trustworthiness of its online presence by transitioning all county professional email accounts and webpages from the ".org" domain to the ".gov" domain. Spearheaded by the Yolo County Department of Innovation and Technology Services (ITS), this strategic move underscores the county's commitment to fortifying its digital infrastructure against evolving cyber threats.

Registering as a .gov domain requires rigorous validation through the U.S. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), ensuring that entities genuinely represent legitimate local, county, or state governments. By adopting the .gov domain, Yolo County not only strengthens its own security posture but also mitigates the risk of malicious actors and scammers co-opting government websites for fraudulent activities.

Yolo County's Chief Technology Officer, Lee Gerney, emphasized, "Switching to a .gov domain provides further assurance to the public that the information found on our website is official, trusted information. This new domain allows us to better and more seamlessly interface with some of our government partners and is another valuable line in our defense against disinformation."

The migration to the .gov domain significantly enhances the security measures surrounding Yolo County's communication channels, reinforcing the authenticity of the county's online presence and offering residents increased confidence in their interactions. Additionally, having a managed domain name such as .gov assures users that they are accessing an official U.S. government site, further reinforcing trust and reliability.

Major web browsers prioritize connections to .gov websites by enforcing encryption, ensuring that interactions with government services are inherently safeguarded. This default protection enhances the security of citizen interactions with Yolo County's digital platforms, further bolstering public trust.

During the transition, Yolo County's .org addresses will seamlessly redirect visitors to their corresponding .gov locations. This meticulous process is being executed by the ITS team, which has thoroughly planned and troubleshooted every aspect. We kindly request the public's patience and understanding during this period. The ITS team is dedicated to ensuring uninterrupted access to vital county services and is passionate about delivering a secure digital experience to those who depend on county services.

For further information and updates regarding this domain transition, please contact the Yolo County Administrator's Office at PIO@YoloCounty.org or at (530) 908-0187.

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