

Resolution No. 2024-

RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 2024 AS NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH IN SOLANO COUNTY

WHEREAS, "Native American Heritage Month" has been established at the national and state levels with proclamations and celebrations to recognize the diverse cultures, traditions, histories, significant contributions and present day lives of Native Americans;

WHEREAS, Solano County was established in 1850 within an area of California that represented the un-ceded territory of indigenous people known as the Patwin or Southern Wintun; and

WHEREAS, the County is, in fact, named for a Patwin leader, Sina or Sem Yeto, whom Spanish missionaries christened and assigned the Spanish name of "Solano"; and

WHEREAS, the earliest historic written records of the Patwin (which literally means "people" in the native tribal language) begin with the Spanish mission explorations and registers, and ethno-historic records show the Patwin inhabited land from the hills of the eastern North Coast Ranges to the Sacramento River, and from Princeton south to the San Pablo and Suisun bays, including the City of Vallejo; and

WHEREAS, the County of Solano has a meaningful government-to-government relationship with the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation and works in partnership to address the needs of the community and improve the lives of people who live within their respective jurisdictions today; and

WHEREAS, Yocha Dehe is recognized by the State's Native American Heritage Commission as the Most Likely Descendent of the Patwin people buried in Solano County, and so it works closely with local governments and agencies throughout the County to protect sacred burial sites from disturbance and desecration; and

WHEREAS, Yocha Dehe, along with its sister Patwin Tribe Kletsel Dehe Band of Wintun Indians, helped save a controversial waterfront park project the City of Vallejo's Glen Cove, negotiating a landmark cultural easement that satisfied opponents, while protecting the burial sites and sacred resources contained there, and allowing the Patwin tribes to practice their traditional ceremonies; and

WHEREAS Native people have made and continue to make distinct and significant contributions in many fields, including academic scholarship, agriculture, astronomy, art, business, education, ecology, engineering, environmentalism, economics, forestry, government, language, leadership, literature, mathematics, medicine, military, music, politics, poetry, science, and traditional cultural practices; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe partners with Solano County to support several health and well-being programs designed to improve the lives of people in its ancestral territory, and the County values its relationship with the Patwin tribe; and

WHEREAS Solano County honors the history of Yocha Dehe and its sister Patwin tribes, in tribute to all of the people of Patwin descent whose ancestors once resided in Solano County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Solano County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize November 2024, as Native American Heritage Month in Solano County.

Dated this 12th day of November 2024

MITCH H. MASHBURN, Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
BILL EMLLEN, Clerk
Solano County Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Veronica Lake, Deputy Clerk