

**RESOLUTION OF THE YOLO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
THANKING EVELYN PRAUL FOR HER SUPPORT OF THE MATERNAL
CHILD AND ADOLESCENT HEALTH CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, Evelyn Praul is the Founder and President of FamiliesFirst, Inc., a private nonprofit social service organization with a budget of over \$50 million; and,

WHEREAS, when it started it consisted of one small group home in Davis, CA for three emotionally disturbed boys, and now is one of California's largest, most respected service providers for children who are severely emotionally disturbed, abused, neglected, or developmentally disabled; and,

WHEREAS, as an advocate for children and families, Evelyn Praul has served the Yolo County community on many nonprofit Boards; and,

WHEREAS, Evelyn Praul provided support and a meeting space for Maternal Child and Adolescent Health Advisory Board (MCAH) and their activities for many years; and,

WHEREAS, she participated in community cross training in an effort to bring together those who work with vulnerable children; and,

WHEREAS, Evelyn Praul provided her agency to write grants for the community that would help parents to better take care of their children; and,

WHEREAS, she supported the idea of a Children's Alliance for Yolo County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors thanks and commends Evelyn Praul for her generosity in providing a facility for meeting space for MCAH and her support for the success of the program; and,

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors wishes her well in all her future endeavors.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of October, 2002 by the following vote:

AYES: Pollock, McGowan, Wolk, Stallard, Rosenberg.

Lois Wolk
Yolo County Board of Supervisors

Congratulating Explorit! Science Center's 20th Anniversary

WHEREAS, in 1979, a small group of Davis residents had an idea to establish a new style of science center which would present science to people of all ages in a “small, friendly, and inviting manner”; and

WHEREAS, after a thoughtful community planning process, the Davis Science Center opened its doors with the cooperation of the Davis Joint Unified School District in April 1982; and

WHEREAS, during its first ten years, the Davis Science Center was housed in various facilities as a largely volunteer operation with people from all walks of life who brought adventure, a spirit of excellence, and the joy of sharing science to center visitors; and

WHEREAS, in March 1992, after several years of discussion, the Davis Science Center Board chose a new name for itself, “EXPLORIT!” and moved in June, 1992, to its permanent home in the Mace Ranch area of Davis; and

WHEREAS, twenty years later, EXPLORIT! continues its mission “to involve people in science experiences that touch our lives” and with its staff and volunteers, serves 40,000 people a year in a 14-county region at its facility and its traveling science program; and

WHEREAS, throughout its remarkable 20-year history, the EXPLORIT! Science Center has remained true to its founding philosophy of teaching science—“Please DO Touch—EXPLORIT!”.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors congratulates the Davis EXPLORIT! Science Center on its 20th Anniversary with its very best wishes for continued success.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of October, 2002 by the following vote:

AYES: Pollock, McGowan, Wolk, Stallard, Rosenberg.

Dave Rosenberg, Chairman
Yolo County, California

**Congratulating the Yolo County Office of Education
On the Occasion of Its 150th Anniversary**

WHEREAS, the Yolo County Office of Education (YCOE) was officially created in 1852 when the state legislature passed a bill establishing a state school tax of 5 cents per \$100 and a county tax not-to-exceed 2 cents per \$100; and

WHEREAS, the California Constitution in 1879 established the County Superintendent of Schools as a constitutional office and two years later, the Legislature created county boards of education; and

WHEREAS, in 1894, Clara March was elected County Superintendent, the first woman elected to any Yolo County office and an office held by women continuously until 1958; and

WHEREAS, the duties of the Yolo County Office of Education have evolved dramatically since 1852 when students often traveled to school by horseback or on foot to today's modern classrooms where students engage in Internet research and distance learning; and

WHEREAS, the duties of the Yolo County Office of Education are constantly evolving to meet the challenges of teaching in an increasingly complex multicultural and global society; and

WHEREAS, under the stewardship of Dr. Jorge Ayala, who in 1998 became the first Hispanic County Superintendent of Schools, and in partnership with the Yolo County Board of Education, the staff of the county office of education, the teachers, counselors, instructional aides, custodial personnel, nursing and other medical staff, and countless volunteers and family members, have played crucial roles in furthering the educational goals for ALL students; and

WHEREAS, county offices throughout the State are celebrating 150 years of excellence in education and preparing their students to become productive and contributing members of a 21st Century society.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors salutes the Yolo County Office of Education on the occasion of its sesquicentennial celebration; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors hereby extends its heartfelt appreciation for the hard work, dedication, and commitment to serving the educational needs of all residents of Yolo County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of October, 2002 by the following vote:

AYES: Pollock, McGowan, Wolk, Stallard, Rosenberg.

Dave Rosenberg, Chairman
Yolo County, California