

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF YUBA**

A RESOLUTION OF THE YUBA)
COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS)
AUTHORIZING YUBA COUNTY)
TO OPT OUT OF THE ADOPTION OF)
LAURA'S LAW (ASSISTED)
OUTPATIENT TREATMENT) AS)
PROVIDED THROUGH ASSEMBLY)
BILL 1976, AND CERTIFYING THAT)
ALL MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT)
PROGRAMS WILL CONTINUE AND NO)
TREATMENT OR SERVICE WILL BE)
REDUCED WITHOUT ADOPTION OF)
LAURA'S LAW (ASSISTED)
OUTPATIENT TREATMENT) BY)
YUBA COUNTY)

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-049

WHEREAS, the Yuba County Board of Supervisors finds and declares as follows:

A. The State of California enacted “Laura’s Law” Assembly Bill 1421 (Chapter 1017, Statutes of 2002), codified in California Welfare and Institutions Code Sections 5345-5349.5. This Act became effective on January 1, 2003; and

B. “Laura’s Law,” also known as “Assisted Outpatient Treatment” (AOT), applies to counties that exercise a local option to implement the project; and

C. The State of California enacted Assembly Bill 1976 (Chapter 140, Statutes of 2020), which Requires counties to affirmatively opt-out of providing Laura’s Law services by passing a resolution of the local governing body stating the reasons for opting out and any facts or circumstances relied on in making that decision. Counties that implement Laura’s Law may not reduce existing voluntary mental health programs as a result of implementation; and

D. The California Department of Health Care Services, pursuant to Behavioral Health Information Notice 20-075, requires counties to submit a resolution to the Department sixty days prior to the statewide implementation of AB 1976 on July 1, 2021; and

E. In April 2021, Yuba County and Sutter-Yuba Behavioral Health declares its intent to opt out of Laura's Law; and

F. Without additional funding, existing behavioral health services would, of necessity, be reduced if Laura's Law was implemented, and

G. All existing behavioral health treatment and services will continue to be provided without the adoption of Laura's Law, and

H. Voluntary behavioral health services would be reduced if Yuba County implements Laura's Law, and

I. Yuba County currently provides several treatment programs that would render the implementation of Laura's Law duplicative, such as full-service partnership programs, drug court, public guardian services, a forensic program, homeless services and a forthcoming Innovations program to engage individuals in treatment, and

J. The decision of the Board of Supervisors of Yuba County to opt-out of Laura's Law (AOT) will not result in a reduction to any such voluntary treatment programs.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Yuba does hereby authorize Yuba County to opt out of the implementation of Laura's Law and certifies voluntary mental health treatment program serving adults or children would have been reduced as a result of Yuba County's choice to implementation of "Laura's Law," also known as "Assisted Outpatient Treatment".

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Yuba, State of California, on this 13th day of April 2021 by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Vasquez, Blaser, Fuhrer, Bradford, Fletcher

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None



, Chairman
Yuba County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
RACHEL FERRIS, COUNTY CLERK

BY: Mary Pasillas
Mary Pasillas, Board Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM

COUNTY COUNSEL

BY: [Signature]