

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

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A )  
PARTNER-COMMUNITY BETWEEN )  
YUBA COUNTY AND THE BASSE AREA )  
IN THE GAMBIA, WEST AFRICA )**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-45**

**WHEREAS**, the Yuba County Board of Supervisors is dedicated to using practical and creative methods to move forward initiatives and projects that improve the daily lives of county residents and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the Basse Area Council in the Basse region of The Gambia, Africa, likewise strives to govern in a manner that addresses the immediate and long-term needs of its residents and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, The Gambia, located at the western edge of Africa, is a former British colony that became independent in 1965, only to fall under the rule of an oppressive national dictatorship for several years, which was finally ousted in 2017, allowing that country to begin growing in a manner that fully recognizes the rights and needs of its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the Basse Area of The Gambia is taking significant steps to focus its leadership on projects that will improve infrastructure of its communities, as well as launch initiatives to establish vital programs currently lacking in that part of the world; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 6, 2022 the Vice Mayor of the Basse Area Council came across Yuba County’s Facebook and began following our social media pages, and also engaged Yuba County staff in messaging conversations over the following weeks; and

**WHEREAS**, since the initial contact, several leaders from the Basse Area Council have likewise begun following various Yuba County social media pages, with a particular interest in the Yuba County Library Facebook page, as the Basse Area does not currently have a public library; and

**WHEREAS**, even though Yuba County and the Basse Area of The Gambia are located on nearly opposite sides of the globe, the two regions carry similar traits, such as constraints on available resources to fund projects, an economy that relies heavily on agriculture and local boards/councils that must navigate challenges presented by higher levels of government; and

**WHEREAS**, Yuba County government is comprised of a creative, hard-working staff that, time and again, overcomes obstacles to bring progress to the region and a better quality of life to its residents, and much of what has been learned here can be passed along to benefit other communities working hard to achieve similar goals; and

**WHEREAS**, the Basse Area Council sent a letter to the Yuba County Board of Supervisors on February 1, 2022 asking that the two entities establish a mutually-beneficial relationship to enhance the sharing of ideas, strategies, and creativity for the betterment of both communities; and

**WHEREAS**, it is believed such a relationship would do well to represent the residents of Yuba County on a global platform and demonstrate that the culture of hard work and caring for others is a universal underpinning of improving life for everyone.

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** The Yuba County Board of Supervisors hereby joins with the Basse Area Council in The Gambia, Africa to establish a 'Partner Community' relationship between Yuba County and the Basse Area, for the purpose of exchanging ideas that strengthen the everyday lives of residents in both regions.

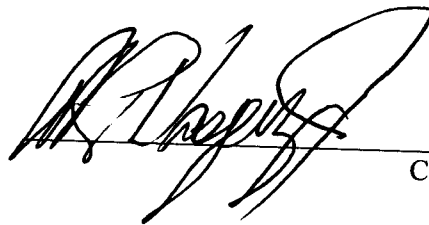
**PASSED AND ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Yuba, State of California on the 12 day of April, 2022 by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Vasquez, Blaser, Fuhrer, Bradford

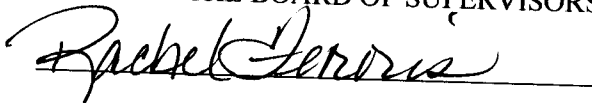
NOES: None

ABSENT: Supervisor Fletcher

ABSTAIN: None

  
Chairman

ATTEST: RACHEL FERRIS  
CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

