BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF YUBA

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS)
OF THE COUNTY OF YUBA SUPPORTING)
ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLTUION 23 (GALLAGHER)
FOR THE FORMATION OF A NEW STATE)

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, the County of Yuba**,** located in Northern California, long been a rural community with unique economic, cultural, and geographic interests, including agricultural, forestry, tourism, and recreation, which are often overlooked by urban-centered policies in Sacramento; and

WHEREAS, Yuba County, with a population of over 88,000 residents, contributes significantly to California's economy through its natural resources, including the Yuba River; and

WHEREAS, Yuba County residents have actively advocated for greater regional autonomy, reflecting the county's desire for more responsive governance to address rural needs such as wildfire prevention and resource management; and

WHEREAS, Yuba County residents have historically expressed frustration with the lack of representation in state government, where decisions on critical issues such as water rights, wildfire prevention, and resource management are dominated by politicians from densely populated coastal areas like Los Angeles and San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 50 (2025), which the Board of Supervisors of Yuba County unanimously opposes, is the latest example of the disenfranchisement of rural areas by proposing changes to congressional redistricting processes that will further dilute rural voices and consolidate influence in urban districts; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Joint Resolution 23 (AJR 23), introduced by Assemblymember Gallagher and co-authored by 7 legislators, including Assemblymember Hadwick and Senator Dahle, as amended on September 13, 2025, expresses the consent of the California State Legislature for Shasta County and other specified counties—Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras,

Colusa, Del Norte, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Imperial, Inyo, Kern, Kings, Lassen, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Modoc, Mono, Nevada, Orange, Placer, Plumas, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Joaquin, Sierra, Siskiyou, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Tulare, Tuolumne, Yuba, and any adjacent counties that vote to join—to form a new state from within the current boundaries of California, pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 of the United States Constitution; and .

WHEREAS, historical efforts to divide California, including a voter-approved proposal in 1859, reflect a deep-rooted desire for more responsive governance. In recent years, counties such as Siskiyou, Modoc, and San Bernardino have expressed support for exploring secession to achieve equitable resource allocation and representation; and

WHEREAS, AJR 23 recognizes California's vast geographic and socio-economic diversity, with a population of nearly 40 million concentrated in urban coastal areas, leading to inequities in representation and policy-making that disproportionately burden rural and inland regions like Yuba County; and

WHEREAS, the formation of a new state would empower Yuba County and its neighboring counties, home to over 14 million residents, to govern themselves more effectively, fostering policies that prioritize local needs such as water security, economic development, and wildfire resilience, while preserving existing county, city, and town boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Yuba County believes that supporting AJR 23 aligns with the principles of self-determination, federalism, and equitable representation, and would create a more responsive government for the residents of Yuba County and the proposed new state; and

WHEREAS, the Board urges the California Legislature to approve AJR 23, expressing the legislature's consent for the formation of a new state; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Yuba County Board of Supervisors hereby expresses its strong support for Assembly Joint Resolution 23 (Gallagher) and the formation of a new state comprising Yuba County and the other counties specified therein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Yuba, State of California on the _____ day of _____, 2026 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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CHAIR, SETH FUHRER

ATTEST: MARY PASILLAS
CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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JANET BENDER
YUBA COUNTY COUNSEL
APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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