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COUNTY OF FRESNO STATE OF CALIFORNIA

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RESOLUTION NO. 25-306

PROCLAIM OCTOBER 2025 AS NATIONAL PEDESTRIAN) SAFETY MONTH IN THE COUNTY OF FRESNO)

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation designates October as National Pedestrian Safety Month, a time to raise awareness and promote the importance of keeping our streets safe for everyone, whether walking, biking, or driving; and

WHEREAS, pedestrian fatalities have increased dramatically in the past decade nearly seven times the rate of population growth in the United States - and Fresno County consistently experiences higher rates of pedestrian collisions and fatalities than the national average; and

WHEREAS, many Fresno County residents rely on walking as a primary mode of transportation, contributing to environmental benefits that promote healthier, quieter, cleaner, and safer streets. Walking also supports local economies and fosters social and community engagement, creating more vibrant, resilient, and livable neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works and Planning (Department) has received a Safe Streets for All Action Planning Grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation, which will fund a study to analyze accident prone areas and high-injury networks in the County in order to plan and implement projects promote pedestrian safety, reduce deaths, and serious injuries on highways, streets, and roads; and

WHEREAS, the Department actively pursues funding opportunities to help design and construct Active Transportation Projects (ATP). Most recently, the Department constructed ATPs in the unincorporated communities of Del Rey, Calwa, Cantua Creek, West Park, Biola, Tranquillity, and in the unincorporated islands near Herndon-Barstow Elementary School, Kings Canyon and Clovis Avenues, and Chestnut and Shields Avenues; and

WHEREAS, the Department is conducting walk audits through grants from the California Office of Traffic Safety, and the California Office of Transportation to identify barriers to walking and biking near schools, make recommendations, and will implement safety demonstration projects based on pedestrian audit findings; and

WHEREAS, pedestrian safety is a shared responsibility among all who plan, design, build, operate, and use our multi-modal transportation system. We must work collaboratively to prevent and eliminate crashes that result in serious injuries and fatalities. This effort requires a comprehensive approach that includes education, outreach, engineering solutions, equitable enforcement, and other proven strategies to ensure safe mobility for all - whether traveling by car, bicycle, wheelchair, or on foot.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims October 2025 as **National Pedestrian Safety Month** in the County of Fresno, in recognition of the importance of creating safer conditions for pedestrians and reaffirming its commitment to raise awareness, promote design, and efforts that will foster a transportation system that protects all road users.

THE FOREGOING, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 7th day of October 2025, to-wit:

AYES: Supervisors Bredefeld, Chavez, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco

NOES: None ABSENT: None ABSTAINED: None

Ernest Buddy Mendes, Chairman of the Board of

Supervisors of the County of Fresno

ATTEST:

BERNICE E. SEIDEL

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors County of Fresno, State of California

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