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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF FRESNO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 23-154

**IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING THE MONTH)
OF MAY 2023 AS WATER SAFETY AND DROWNING)
PREVENTION MONTH IN FRESNO COUNTY)**

WHEREAS, May as Water Safety and Drowning Prevention Month was established through a collaborative effort across the country to promote water safety and drowning prevention; and

WHEREAS, each year, drowning incidents result in hundreds of emergency room visits, including hospital stays and potential life-altering and permanent disabilities of Fresno County residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Public Health reports that between 2016-2021, 2,559 California residents died from drowning, and 1,168 were hospitalized and 5,854 were treated in an emergency department for non-fatal drowning; and

WHEREAS, Fresno County acknowledges the launch of the California Water Safety Strategy, which highlights knowledge gaps, major priorities, and action areas where focus is required to reduce the burden of drowning across the state; and

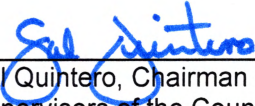
WHEREAS, Fresno County has its own considerations and context for drowning prevention, including canal, pool and spa, ponding basins, rivers, and lakes; and

WHEREAS, the Water Safety Council of Fresno County, and the community at large acknowledge that drowning is a complex issue and that progress in reducing the burden and occurrence of fatal and non-fatal drowning requires collaboration between different sectors and stakeholders with diverse perspectives and approaches.

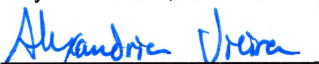
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors commend the Water Safety Council of Fresno County for their efforts to prevent drowning of County residents and visitors. Additionally, reminding everyone to be safer in and around the water this summer and all year long; we hereby proclaim the month of May as "Water Safety and Drowning Prevention Month" in Fresno County.

THE FOREGOING, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 9th day of May 2023, to-wit:

AYES: Supervisors Brandau, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None


Saul Quintero, 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

By 
Deputy