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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COUNTY OF FRESNO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 16-346

IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 2016)
AS "HMONG HISTORY MONTH" IN FRESNO COUNTY)

WHEREAS, The history of the Hmong people here in the United States, as well as throughout the ages, is unique and vibrant, and it is appropriate to celebrate this history during the month of September, which has been recognized as Hmong History Month; and

WHEREAS, The Lao-Hmong, or free people, are respected and admired for their dedicated service and valiant support of the United States Armed Forces and its allies during the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, A conservative estimate of over 35,000 Lao-Hmong men, women, and children lost their lives, more than 50,000 were wounded and more than 2,500 are missing in action, which does not include the thousands who were forced into re-education camps or who perished attempting to cross the Mekong River into Thailand; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the devastation to their homes and way of life, thousands of Lao-Hmong soldiers and their families became a country less people when they emigrated to seek refuge in other countries such as Argentina, Australia, Canada, China, France, Japan, New Zealand, and the United States – an exodus that continues to this day.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaim the month of September 2016 as "Hmong History Month" in Fresno County in recognition of the Hmong men, women, and children who served the United States with loyalty and bravery.

Adopted by the Fresno County Board of Supervisors this 23rd day of August, 2016, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Supervisors Borgeas, Mendes, Pacheco, Perea, Poochigian
NOES: None
ABSENT: None


CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:
BERNICE E. SEIDEL, Clerk
Board of Supervisors

By Susan Bishop
Deputy