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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF FRESNO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 25-307

**PROCLAIM OCTOBER 7, 2025, AS A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE)
FOR FORMER FRESNO COUNTY SHERIFF STEVE MAGARIAN)**

WHEREAS, Steve Magarian was born in Fresno on October 13, 1942. He graduated from Roosevelt High School and began his law enforcement career in 1966 at the Fresno Sheriff's Office as a reserve deputy; and

WHEREAS, in 1968, he was hired as a regular deputy and worked assignments in the jail, courts, and on patrol. While working fulltime, he earned a bachelor's and master's degree from Fresno State; and

WHEREAS, Steve Magarian worked his way through the ranks before ultimately being elected as Fresno County Sheriff in 1986. Sheriff Magarian served three terms, beginning in 1987 and ending in 1999; and

WHEREAS, some of his many accomplishments included: Overseeing the completed construction of the Main Jail and North Annex Jail, launching the department's Air Support Unit, implementing a computerized field reporting system, and forming the Multi-Agency Gang Enforcement Consortium (MAGEC); and


WHEREAS, through his retirement, Sheriff Magarian stayed connected with the Fresno County Sheriff's Office. He recently partnered with former Sheriff Margaret Mims and Sheriff John Zanon to create the Fresno Sheriff's Memorial, a project scheduled to open to the public at the Area Two Substation on October 29TH; and

WHEREAS, former Sheriff Steve Magarian passed away peacefully with his family at his side. He was 82 years old and is survived by his wife and daughters.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaim October 7, 2025, as a day of remembrance for former Fresno County Sheriff Steve Magarian.

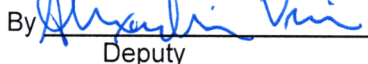
THE FOREGOING, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 7th day of October 2025, to-wit:

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

By 
Deputy