

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF FRESNO  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**ADOPT RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DISPLAY OF THE NATIONAL MOTTO “IN GOD WE TRUST” IN THE FRESNO COUNTY CHAMBERS ON THE WALL ABOVE THE SEAL OF FRESNO COUNTY AND FURTHER DIRECTING THE NATIONAL MOTTO “IN GOD WE TRUST” ALSO BE DISPLAYED ON THE WALL FACING THE BOARD MEMBERS TO ENSURE ITS PROMINENT VISIBILITY WITHIN THE CHAMBERS**

**WHEREAS**, on July 30, 1956, “In God We Trust” was declared as the National Motto of the United States by the 84<sup>th</sup> Congress passing legislation and President Dwight D. Eisenhower signing into law officially declaring In God We Trust to be the nation’s motto, which reflects a broad, historical recognition of the Country’s heritage and civic values; and

**WHEREAS**, the sentiment, “In God We Trust,” has been an integral part of United States society since its founding; and

**WHEREAS**, the Declaration of Independence recognizes God, our Creator, as the source of our rights; and

**WHEREAS**, the fourth verse of the national anthem of the United States, written by Francis Scott Key on September 14, 1814, says, “Praise the power that hath made and preserved us as a nation! And this be our motto – ‘In God We Trust’”; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1864, the United States currency is printed and it includes the words “In God We Trust”; and

**WHEREAS**, the words “In God We Trust” appear over the entrance to the Senate Chamber and above the Speaker’s rostrum in the House Chamber; and

**WHEREAS**, both in times of war and peace, the nation’s motto has been a profound source of strength and guidance to many generations of Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, the Preamble of the Constitution of California provides, “We, the People of the State of California, grateful to Almighty God for our freedom, in order to secure and perpetuate its blessings, do establish this Constitution”; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Fresno will join ten other Cities in Fresno County, 147 other Cities and Counties in California, and 759 other Cities and Counties across America who adopted a resolution

1 to display our nation's official motto, "In God We Trust" in a prominent location in the County Chambers  
2 above the seal of Fresno County; and

3 **WHEREAS**, President John F. Kennedy said, "The guiding principle and prayer of the Nation  
4 has been, is now, and ever shall be In God We Trust".

5 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Fresno County Board of Supervisors as follows:

- 6 1. The Board of Supervisors reaffirms "In God We Trust" as the official motto of the United  
7 States by adopting and implementing the public display of the national motto in the Fresno  
8 County Board Chambers on the wall above the seal of Fresno County. The Board further  
9 directs that the national motto, "In God We Trust" also be displayed on the wall facing the  
10 Board members to ensure its prominent visibility within the Chambers.  
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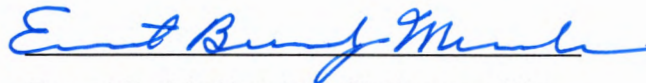
12 **THE FOREGOING**, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of  
13 Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 19th day of August 2025, to wit:

14 AYES: Supervisors Bredefeld, Chavez, Magsig, Mendes

15 NOES: Supervisor Pacheco

16 ABSENT: None

17 ABSTAINED: None  
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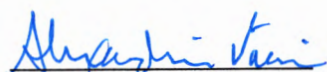
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20 Ernest Buddy Mendes, Chairman of the  
21 Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno  
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23 ATTEST:

24 Bernice E. Seidel

25 Clerk, Board of Supervisors  
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27 By: 

28 Deputy