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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF FRESNO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 19-154

IN THE MATTER OF Proclaim the month of April 2019)
as California Friday Night Live Month in Fresno County)

WHEREAS, the California Friday Night Live program, developed in Sacramento in 1984 as the model program for the State of California, is celebrating 35 years of engaging young people. This program was designed to reduce alcohol use and other problems among the young community by building partnerships for positive and healthy youth development by engaging youth as active leaders and resources in their communities; and

WHEREAS, participants in Friday Night Live programs experience a safe environment, including physical and emotional safety, and experience opportunities for community engagement that include knowledge of community, interaction and interface with the community, communication with the community, and opportunities to contribute to the community; and

WHEREAS, participants in Friday Night Live programs will be afforded opportunities for leadership and advocacy that include decision-making and governance, learning to express their opinions constructively and taking action on issues or projects they care about outside the program, whether that's in their community or school; and

WHEREAS, the youth in Friday Night Live programs will also experience opportunities to build caring and meaningful relationships with peers and adults that include learning about their peers, guidance from caring adult staff and feeling supported by others in the program. They will also have their practical program needs met, while enjoying a sense of belonging to the group; and

WHEREAS, additionally, youth in Friday Night Live programs will experience opportunities to engage in interesting and relevant skill development activities that will better prepare them for challenges they may face and also develop healthy personal attitudes and behaviors related to alcohol, tobacco and other drugs and also violence prevention and academic completion by fostering learning. During the month of April 2019, youth at more than 600 sites will raise awareness in their counties throughout the State of California in order to reduce underage drinking by mobilizing their communities with a unified call to action – “Not On My Watch.”

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaim the month of April 2019 “California Friday Night Live Month” in Fresno County and thanks the leadership, staff, volunteers and youth who are committed to improving the quality of life for present and future generations.

