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

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-305**

**IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2021 AS)  
INFANT SAFE SLEEP AWARENESS MONTH )**

**WHEREAS**, unsafe sleep practices are responsible for 3,500 deaths among U.S. babies each year. Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, (SIDS), is a leading cause of infant mortality among children from one month to one year of age in Fresno County; and

**WHEREAS**, racial and ethnic disparities exist in the rates of SIDS-related deaths with black infants dying at nearly twice the rate of white infants. These infant deaths may be prevented with accessible and culturally responsive education and awareness; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends babies up to one year of age to be placed to sleep on their back for all sleep and naps, in a safe sleep environment that includes a firm and flat surface such as a mattress in a safety-approved crib, that is free of loose and soft items such as toys, crib bumpers, and blankets and placed to sleep in the same room as their caregiver but not the same bed; and


**WHEREAS**, promoting safe sleep education, awareness and practices requires collaboration among local, state, and federal governments, faith-based and community-based organizations, health providers, social service organizations, communities and families; and

**WHEREAS**, all children deserve the best possible start, no matter their circumstance. A simple conversation about safe sleep could save a life.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaim October 2021 as Infant Safe Sleep Awareness Month.

**THE FOREGOING**, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021, to-wit:

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

  
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Steve Brandau, 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