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## BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COUNTY OF FRESNO STATE OF CALIFORNIA

## **RESOLUTION NO. 20-181**

## IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING JUNE 2020) AS FAMILY REUNIFICATION MONTH

WHEREAS, Family Reunification Month serves as an opportunity to recognize family reunification as the preferred outcome for children removed from their homes and placed in foster care; and

WHEREAS, Successful family reunification takes significant work to ensure child safety. and to strengthen families to reduce the recurrence of child abuse or neglect; and

WHEREAS, Family reunification requires a significant commitment and investment of time and resources by parents, family members, social workers, resource parents, service providers, attorneys, courts, educators, and the community; and

WHEREAS, Every year hundreds of children are successfully reunified with their families in Fresno County; and in 2019, the Fresno County Department of Social Services successfully reunified 636 children with their families, representing 60% of all children exiting foster care during the same period.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaim June 2020 as Family Reunification Month in the County of Fresno and encourages the community to honor the accomplishments of families who overcome an array of challenges to reunify safely and successfully.

THE FOREGOING, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 26th day of May 2020, to-wit:

Supervisors Brandau, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero AYES:

NOES: None ABSENT: None ABSTAINED: None

Ernest Buddy Mendes, Chairman of the Board of

Supervisors of the County of Fresho