BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF FRESNO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING THE WEEK) OF SEPTEMBER 9TH THROUGH 15TH AS) "SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK")

RESOLUTION NO. 18-318

WHEREAS, Suicide is a public health issue that requires vigilant attention and preventative action with over 109 deaths by suicide recorded in Fresno County during 2017; and

WHEREAS, Each death by suicide directly impacts numerous family members, friends, loved ones, and by extension the entire community; and

WHEREAS, Each citizen of Fresno County can be the one to find the words to reach out and help someone in need who is contemplating suicide; and

WHEREAS, The Fresno County Suicide Prevention Collaborative was formed by a large cross sector of behavioral health, physical health, schools, hospitals, people with lived experience, public safety, emergency medical systems providers, advocates, community based organizations, county and community leaders, to collectively develop a local plan to prevent suicides; and

WHEREAS, The Fresno County Suicide Prevention Collaborative is committed to raising awareness, providing education and training on suicide prevention, and reducing stigma; and

WHEREAS, The Fresno County Suicide Prevention Collaborative is committed to ensuring that those in need have access to services by healthcare providers trained in best practices to reduce suicide risk, and to reducing the stigma associated with using behavioral health treatment or losing a loved one to suicide; and

WHEREAS, In the most recent year available, there were over 17,000 calls made to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline from Fresno County seeking assistance; and

WHEREAS, No single suicide prevention effort will be sufficient or appropriate for all populations or communities; all are asked to join together and take a stand to prevent suicide; and

WHEREAS, September 9th through 15th is recognized across the United States as Suicide Prevention Week and provides the opportunity to educate our community about warning signs and how best to help those most in need.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaim the week of September 9th through 15th as "Suicide Prevention Week" in Fresno County.

THE FOREGOING, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 11th day of September, 2018, to-wit:

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

Sal Quintero, Chairperson 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 Susan Bishop
Deputy

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