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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF FRESNO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 24-141

**PROCLAIM APRIL 23, 2024, AS FRESNO MISSION)
DAY IN RECOGNITION OF 75 YEARS OF SERVICE)**

WHEREAS, the Fresno Rescue Mission was founded in 1949 as a charitable organization with the purpose of meeting the physical and spiritual needs of the area. The Mission was born out of a vision by the Reverend Clifford Phillips, a prayer meeting, the "Fisherman's Club," and the loving and concerned hearts of many local Christians; and

WHEREAS, initially, the Mission worked only with skid row alcoholics and transient farm laborers. As time passed, the Mission developed into the multipurpose organization that it is today. The Mission currently reaches out to not only the homeless still living on the streets and those incarcerated, but also those who are drug-and-alcohol-dependent, single transient adults, single women, moms with their children, impoverished and displaced families, and other displaced persons in the greater Fresno County area; and

WHEREAS, the Fresno Rescue Mission became the downtown arm of the church, or the "Church in Overalls," where the doors swung open to all those who pass by. There was always a welcome awaiting those who come through the Mission's doors. Here, then, was a place where mankind could come out of the cold of the night or heat of the day and find comfort and nourishment for the body and soul. The Mission would always stand ready to help those who want to be helped; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, the Fresno Rescue Mission re-branded and is now known as the Fresno Mission. This year, 2024, will mark 75 years of service that the Fresno Mission has provided to the community of Fresno. Many of those who were served are transformed by the Fresno Mission's love and kindness.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors do hereby proclaim April 23, 2024, to be the Fresno Mission Day in the County of Fresno.

THE FOREGOING, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 23rd day of April 2024, to-wit:

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



Nathan Magsig, 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