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3 **BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**
4 **COUNTY OF FRESNO**
5 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

6 **IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING)**
7 **SEPTEMBER 8-14, 2019, AS SUICIDE)**
8 **PREVENTION WEEK**

RESOLUTION NO. 19-349

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10 **WHEREAS**, suicide is a public health issue that requires vigilant attention and
11 preventative action with over 115 deaths by suicide recorded in Fresno County during 2018; and

12 **WHEREAS**, each death by suicide directly impacts numerous family members, friends,
13 loved ones, and by extension the entire community; and

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

16 **WHEREAS**, the Fresno County Suicide Prevention Collaborative was formed by a large
17 cross sector of behavioral health, physical health, schools, hospitals, people with lived
18 experience, first responders, law enforcement, emergency medical systems providers,
19 advocates, community based organizations, county and community leaders, to collectively
20 develop a local plan to prevent suicides; and

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

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

27 **WHEREAS**, in the most recent year available, there were over 8,000 calls made to the
28 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline from Fresno County seeking assistance; and

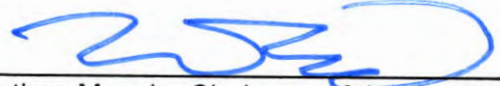
WHEREAS, no single suicide prevention effort will be sufficient or appropriate for all
populations or communities; all are asked to join together and take a stand to prevent suicide;
and

WHEREAS, September 8th through 14th 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 8-14, 2019, as Suicide Prevention Week in Fresno
County.

1 **THE FOREGOING**, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of
2 Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 10th day of September, 2019, to-wit:

3 AYES: Supervisors Brandau, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero
4 NOES: None
5 ABSENT: None
6 ABSTAINED: None



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8 Nathan Magsig, Chairman of the Board of
9 Supervisors of the County of Fresno

10 ATTEST:
11 BERNICE E. SEIDEL
12 Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
13 County of Fresno, State of California

14 By Susan Bishop
15 Deputy

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