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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF FRESNO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF CELEBRATING THE)
100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST)
REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA)

RESOLUTION NO. 18-139

WHEREAS, after the genocide of 1915 many Armenian refugees fled to the Caucasus into Russian-held Armenia; and

WHEREAS, the Russian Revolution of 1917 was followed by the withdrawal of Russian troops from Russian-held Armenia, leaving it defenseless against the Turks. With the Armenians in Turkish-held Armenia already destroyed or driven out by the genocide, the Turks advanced into Russian-held Armenia where thousands of Armenian volunteers from America and Europe joined with their Russian Armenian brethren to defend the Caucasus against the Turks, fighting desperately to halt the Turkish advance and preserve this last haven for thousands of refugees; and

WHEREAS, on May 28, 1918 the Armenian National Council declared Armenia an independent republic after these fierce and victorious battles with the Turkish Army. This declaration of independence was a historic political milestone—the first expression of Armenian sovereignty since 1375; and

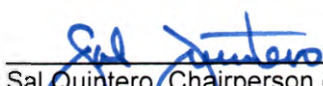
WHEREAS, although the Armenian Republic was short lived thanks to the onslaught of Communism, its role was crucial in the development of the Armenian nation and still has direct relevance to the status of Armenian claims today. Its efforts led to the establishment of the Soviet Armenian Republic which declared independence on September 21, 1991 upon the collapse of the USSR; and

WHEREAS, the Republic of Armenia today carries on the legacy of its predecessor, certainly in terms of national symbols. The modern code of arms is a modification of the 1918 version and the tricolor flag and national anthem were also adopted by the current Republic of Armenia.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby celebrates the 100th anniversary of the First Republic of Armenia.

THE FOREGOING, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 1st day of May, 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