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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
COUNTY OF FRESNO  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 17-511

IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER 17, 2017)  
AS WORLD PREMATURITY DAY )

**WHEREAS**, premature births threaten the lives and health of 15 million babies around the world every year and is the leading cause of death among newborns. Fresno County has one of the highest rates of premature births in California with one in every nine babies being born prematurely; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fresno County Preterm Birth Initiative is a collaborative effort to reduce the number of babies born prematurely from 11.1% to 7% by 2025 in Fresno County and increase the health of women before, during, and after pregnancy. It is a part of a 10-year Preterm Birth Initiative, led by the University of California, San Francisco. The Central California Center for Health and Human Services at Fresno State University is the backbone organization; and

**WHEREAS**, organizations in Fresno County, including government agencies, businesses, schools, colleges, churches, non-profit organizations, hospitals, clinics, and others are working to improve the health of mothers and babies in Fresno County.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaim November 17, 2017 as World Prematurity Day as a part of the Every Woman Every Child initiative. We encourage all residents of Fresno County to recognize the importance of measures that can be taken to reduce the number of premature births.

**THE FOREGOING**, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017, to-wit:

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

  
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Brian Pacheco, Chairman of the Board of  
Supervisors of the County of Fresno

ATTEST:  
BERNICE E. SEIDEL  
Clerk to the Board of Supervisors  
County of Fresno, State of California

By Susan Bishop  
Deputy