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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF FRESNO STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION NO. 24-377

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PROCLAIM NOVEMBER 2024 AS NATIONAL) ADOPTION MONTH IN FRESNO COUNTY)

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WHEREAS, National Adoption Month in November serves as an opportunity to bring awareness to the importance of adoption, which provides permanent homes for children in the Child Welfare System. Every child deserves to have a loving, stable, and nurturing family in which they can thrive; and WHEREAS, in 2023, there were approximately 43,332 children in foster care in California. with

1, 2023, and June 30, 2024, Fresno County finalized the adoption of 250 children; and WHEREAS, the Fresno County Board of Supervisors wishes to recognize all private and public adoption agencies within Fresno County committed to finding homes for children in foster care and wishes

to honor the dedicated families who have opened their hearts and homes to these children; and

approximately 2,032 of these children from Fresno County. As of July 2024, there was an approximately 10% decrease of children in care in California, with Fresno County having a 13% decrease. Between July

WHEREAS, the Fresno County Board of Supervisors wishes to acknowledge the network of committed social workers, Child Welfare staff, community service providers, and County agencies for their dedication and support to families and the children in their homes; and

WHEREAS, National Adoption Month gives this community a chance to honor and commend the dedicated relatives, resource parents, adopted families, social workers, County agencies, public and private adoption agencies, and community partners who have all worked together to ensure the permanence. safety, and wellbeing of the children we serve.

NOW THEREFORE. BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaim November 2024 as National Adoption Month in Fresno County and encourages caring adults to consider opening their hearts and homes to children in need.

THE FOREGOING, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 5th day of November 2024, to-wit:

AYES:

Supervisors Brandau, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero

NOES: ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

None None 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

Deputy

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