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

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-304**

**IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2021 AS DOMESTIC)  
VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH IN FRESNO COUNTY )**

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence impacts countless individuals, without regard to age, race, religion, or economic status; as victims suffer at the hands of a spouse or partner, it affects their children, families, and entire communities; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is widespread and affects over 12 million men and women in the United States each year, and at its most tragic level, kills an average of three women every day; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 9,000 domestic violence calls were received by Fresno County law enforcement last year, and as Fresno County's only dedicated provider of domestic violence safe housing and comprehensive support services, Marjaree Mason Center serves over 9,600 adults and children impacted by domestic violence annually and also provides services to those who cause harm; and

**WHEREAS**, Marjaree Mason Center actively partners with the Fresno County Departments of Social Services, Public Health, Behavioral Health, Probation, Sheriff, District Attorney; and

**WHEREAS**, each October, the formal recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month allows the community to acknowledge and show their support for survivors and advocates to end of the cycle of abuse through education; and

**WHEREAS**, Purple Thursday, October 21, is a national day dedicated to remembering the victims of domestic violence, to supporting survivors, and to raising awareness on local resources available to put an end to domestic violence; and

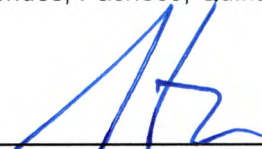
**WHEREAS**, a partnership of organizations has emerged to directly confront this crisis and are achieving success. The Marjaree Mason Center, along with law enforcement, health care providers, clergy and concerned citizens are helping in the effort to end domestic violence. We must recognize the compassion and dedication of these volunteers and professionals and increase public understanding of this important problem.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** do hereby proclaim the month of October 2021 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and urge all citizens of Fresno to work together to end the cycle of violence in our community.

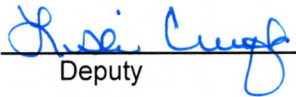
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**THE FOREGOING**, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021, to-wit:

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

  
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Steve Brandau, 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   
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Deputy