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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF FRESNO

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 21-141

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IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING JUNE 2021 AS FAMILY REUNIFICATION MONTH IN FRESNO COUNTY)

WHEREAS, Family Reunification Month serves as an opportunity to recognize family reunification as the preferred outcome for children removed from their homes and placed in foster care; and

WHEREAS, Successful family reunification takes significant work to ensure child safety, and to strengthen families to reduce the recurrence of child abuse or neglect; and

WHEREAS, Family reunification requires a significant commitment and investment of time and resources by parents, family members, social workers, resource parents, service providers, attorneys, courts, educators, and the community; and

WHEREAS, Every year hundreds of children are successfully reunified with their families in Fresno County: and in 2020, the Fresno County Department of Social Services successfully reunified 422 children with their families, representing 58% of all children exiting foster care during the same period.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaim June 2021 as Family Reunification Month in the County of Fresno and encourages the community to honor the accomplishments of families who overcome an array of challenges to reunify safely and successfully.

THE FOREGOING, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 25th day of May, 2021, to-wit:

AYES: Supervisors Brandau, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero

NOES: None ABSENT: None ABSTAINED: None

> 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

Deputy