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3 **BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

COUNTY OF FRESNO  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

4 IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING )  
MARCH 28, 2017 AS "DIGNITY AND )  
RIGHT FOR VALLEY FARMWORKERS DAY)

RESOLUTION NO. 17-177

5 **WHEREAS**, farmworkers in Fresno County deserve the same dignity and rights as all  
6 Californians in that they should be able to vote on whether to be represented by a union, whether to ratify  
7 a contract and whether to decertify a union that has had no contact with them for almost two decades;  
and

8 **WHEREAS**, the state Agricultural Labor Relations Board has spent over \$4,000 per vote  
9 using taxpayer dollars to oppose thousands of Fresno County-based farmworkers who want their  
votes counted in an election that was organized and supervised by that same Agricultural Labor  
Relations Board; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the Agricultural Labor Relations Board has tried to force a government-written  
11 contract on thousands of Fresno County-based farmworkers without counting their votes and without  
12 allowing a ratification vote even though that government-written contract would bar the employees  
from petitioning for another election for years; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the largest farm labor protests in Fresno County's history have taken place in  
14 the last few years and have been directed against the Agricultural Labor Relations Board, yet the  
government-written contract would strip the workers of the protected right to continue to protest  
the Agricultural Labor Relations Board; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the California Court of Appeal unanimously ruled that the Agricultural Labor  
Relations Board's government-written forced contracting scheme to be unconstitutional.

16 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby  
17 proclaims March 28, 2017 as "Dignity and Right for Valley Farmworkers Day" in the  
County of Fresno.

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19 **THE FOREGOING** was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of  
the County of Fresno this 28<sup>TH</sup> day of March, 2017, to-wit:

20 AYES: Supervisors, Borgeas, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero  
21 NOES: None  
22 ABSENT: None

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CHAIRMAN, Board of Supervisors

24 ATTEST:  
25 BERNICE E. SEIDEL  
26 Clerk, Board of Supervisors

27 By Susan Bishop  
28 Deputy