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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF FRESNO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 23-152

**IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING THE)
MONTH OF MAY AS FOSTER CARE MONTH)**

WHEREAS, each May, National Foster Care Month provides an opportunity to shine a light on the experiences of the more than 391,000 children and youth in the foster care system nationwide. Currently, there are approximately 2,200 children in and out of home care in Fresno County; and

WHEREAS, no matter their age, all children in foster care need a meaningful connection to at least one caring adult who becomes a supportive and lasting presence in their lives. Without families or stable relationships, too many of these formerly neglected and/or abused children and teens will end up facing life's challenges alone; and

WHEREAS, throughout the nation and in Fresno County in particular, everyday people make a difference by serving as resource parents, mentors, advocates, social workers, and volunteers. Thanks to these unsung heroes, many formerly abused or neglected children and teens will either reunite with their parents, be cared for by relatives, or be adopted by loving families; and

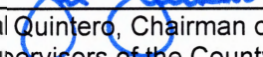
WHEREAS, since 1996, Child Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteers have served foster youth in Fresno and Madera County by advocating on behalf of children to ensure that the best interest of each child is being represented in courtrooms. CASA volunteers mentor foster youth with the overall goal of building lasting relationships with abused and neglected children in the Child Welfare system, and the Juvenile Justice system. Thanks to CASA, we can give our community's most at-risk children a voice to be heard; and

WHEREAS, Foster Care Month gives the community a chance to honor the dedicated relatives, resource families, social workers, CASA staff and volunteers, public and private service agencies, and community partners who have worked together to ensure a better life for many of Fresno County's children.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims May 2023 "Foster Care Month" in the County of Fresno. The Board calls upon the residents of Fresno County to join them in honoring those who have shown a commitment to our children by providing them with a loving and nurturing environment.

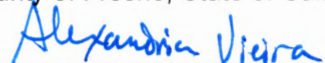
THE FOREGOING, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 9th day of May 2023, to-wit:

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



Sal Quintero, 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 
Deputy