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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF FRESNO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 25-324

PROCLAIM NOVEMBER 2025 AS NATIVE AMERICAN)
HERITAGE MONTH IN THE COUNTY OF FRESNO)

WHEREAS, Fresno County honors the cultures, traditions and accomplishments of the Native people who have shaped our country, and acknowledges the collective and institutional work necessary to create a community that respects, values and uplifts Native people; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the sovereign rights of Tribal Nations in determining the placement of Native American children in foster care, adoption, or guardianship is essential to advancing fairness and justice. Recognizing these rights is an important step in strengthening trust, honoring Tribal sovereignty, and supporting the resilience, leadership, and well-being of Native families and communities; and

WHEREAS, Fresno County occupies the original homeland of the Mono and Yokuts people and is the home of three federally recognized Tribal governments: Big Sandy Rancheria Western Band of Mono Indians located in Auberry, CA, Cold Springs Rancheria of Mono Indians located in Tollhouse, CA, and Table Mountain Rancheria of Friant, CA. Fresno County also serves and collaborates closely with three local Tribes within the tri-county area: North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians of California, located in North Fork, CA, Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians located in Coarsegold, CA and Tachi Yokuts Tribe located in Lemoore, CA; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Native Americans from other tribes across the country have moved to Fresno County, call this their home, and are valuable members of this community; and

WHEREAS, we recognize and celebrate the fact that tribal culture is rich and thriving, successfully connecting the past with future generations through education, increased knowledge and use of native language and the preservation of extended family networks by ensuring Native children are placed in culturally appropriate settings whenever possible; and

WHEREAS, Native American Heritage Month is an opportunity to celebrate the thousands of Native American Indians in Fresno County and to honor Indigenous cultures and voices. It is also a time to strengthen relationships, promote understanding, and work together toward a future of shared hope and promise for all; and

WHEREAS, we pledge to center the rights and interests of Indigenous Peoples in decision-making and welcome open dialogue and courageous conversations to advance this work.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaim November 2025 as Native American Heritage Month in the County of Fresno and encourages the community to honor and support the accomplishments of our local tribes.

THE FOREGOING, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 21st day of October 2025, to-wit:

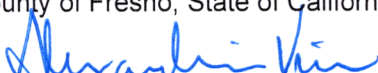
AYES: Supervisors Bredefeld, Chavez, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None



Ernest Buddy Mendes, 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