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IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING)
SUPPORT OF THE REDUCING CRIME AND)
KEEPING CALIFORNIA SAFE ACT OF 2018)

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1 **WHEREAS**, as a result, between 2014 and 2016, California had the second highest
2 increase in theft and property crimes in the United States, while most states have seen a steady decline.
3 According to the California Department of Justice, the value of property stolen in 2015 was \$2.5 billion
4 with an increase of 13% since 2014, the largest single-year increase in at least ten years; and

5 **WHEREAS**, grocery store operators around the state have seen unprecedented increases
6 in the amount of losses associated with shoplifting in their stores, with some reporting up to 150%
7 increases in these losses from 2012 to present, with the largest jumps occurring since 2014; and

8 **WHEREAS**, shoplifting incidents have started to escalate in such a manner that have
9 endangered innocent customers and employees; and

10 **WHEREAS**, individuals who repeatedly steal, often do so to support their drug habit.
11 Recent changes to California law have reduced judges' abilities to order individuals convicted of repeated
12 theft crimes into effective drug treatment programs; and

13 **WHEREAS**, California needs stronger laws for those who are repeatedly convicted of
14 theft related crimes, which will encourage those who repeatedly steal to support their drug problem to
15 enter into existing drug treatment programs. This measure enacts such reforms; and

16 **WHEREAS**, recent changes to California law unintentionally eliminated DNA collection
17 for theft and drug crimes. This measure restores DNA collection from persons convicted for such
18 offenses, as collecting DNA from criminals is essential to solving violent crimes. Over 450 violent
19 crimes including murder, rape and robbery have gone unsolved because DNA is being collected from
20 fewer criminals; and

21 **WHEREAS**, permitting collection of more DNA samples will help identify suspects,
22 clear the innocent and free the wrongly convicted; and

23 **WHEREAS**, this measure does not affect existing legal safeguards that protect the
24 privacy of individuals by allowing for the removal of their DNA profile if they are not charged with a
25 crime, are acquitted or are found innocent; and

26 **WHEREAS**, DNA collected in 2015 from a convicted child molester solved the rape-
27 murders of two six-year-old boys that occurred three decades ago in Los Angeles County. DNA collected
28 in 2016 from an individual caught driving a stolen car solved the 2012 San Francisco Bay Area
rape/murder of an 83-year-old woman.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of
Supervisors hereby supports the Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2018.

1 **THE FOREGOING**, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of
2 Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 17th day of April, 2018, to wit:

3 AYES: Supervisors Borgeas, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero

4 NOES: None

5 ABSENT: None

6 ABSTAINED: None

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8 SAL QUINTERO, CHAIRPERSON of the
9 Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno

9 **ATTEST:**
10 Bernice E. Seidel
11 Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
12 County of Fresno, State of California

13 By: Susan Bishop
14 Deputy
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