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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COUNTY OF FRESNO STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 25-180

PROCLAIM JUNE 2025 AS FAMILY REUNIFICATION MONTH IN THE COUNTY OF FRESNO)

WHEREAS, the Month of June is recognized as Family Reunification Month, a time to celebrate and honor the efforts of those who work to reunite children in foster care with their families, and to recognize the importance of family unity and the work of those who support families; and

WHEREAS, all the children in our community need the care, love, security and stability of family unity to provide a solid foundation for growth, development and future societal success; and

WHEREAS, whenever possible and without sacrificing child safety, keeping families together is an essential goal for a thriving community; and

WHEREAS, reunifying families brings healing and instills resilience in those who have faced separation and hardship; and

WHEREAS, throughout the year, Social Workers, the Child and Family's Team, and partnering agencies and programs such as Linkages, work together to return children to their families. Those involved in this promising journey are committed to reunifying families through engaging practice, resources, and advocacy to ensure nurturing home environments; and

WHEREAS, Family Reunification Month is a time to recognize those who are involved in the reunification process. Fresno County has prioritized its Family Reunification efforts by reducing caseloads in core task areas to support the active engagement of families. This reduction in caseload has allowed for an increase of parents reunifying with their children at a rate that, for the last year, has been consistently higher than the State average. In 2024, the state of California's reunification rate was 46% whereas Fresno County's reunification rate was 62% showing an exemplary commitment to family unity.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaim June 2025 as Family Reunification Month in the County of Fresno and encourages the community to honor the accomplishments of families who have overcome adversity, recognize the work of those who support family reunification, and support and celebrate the families who successfully 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 10th day of June 2024, 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