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## BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF FRESNO STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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**RESOLUTION NO. 23-345** 

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## PROCLAIM NOVEMBER 2023 AS NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH IN THE COUNTY OF FRESNO

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WHEREAS. National Adoption Month in November serves as an opportunity to bring awareness to the importance of adoption, which provides much needed homes for children in foster care. Every child deserves to be part of a permanent family in which they can thrive, in the security of unconditional love and a stable environment; and

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WHEREAS, in 2022, there were approximately 47,500 children in foster care in California, with approximately 2,400 of these children in Fresno County. Between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023 Fresno County finalized the adoption of 327 children; and

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WHEREAS, the Fresno County Board of Supervisors wishes to recognize all private and public adoption agencies within Fresno County committed to finding adopted homes for children in foster care and wishes to honor the dedicated families who have opened their hearts and homes to these children; and

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WHEREAS, the Fresno County Board of Supervisors wishes to acknowledge the network of committed social workers, community service providers, and County agencies for their dedication and support to families and the adopted children in the homes; and

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WHEREAS, the National Adoption Month gives this community a chance to honor and commend the dedicated relatives, resource parents, adopted families, social workers, County agencies, public and private adoption agencies, and community partners who have all worked together to ensure a better life for many of our county's children.

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaim November 2023 as National Adoption Month in the County of Fresno and encourages caring adults to consider opening their hearts and homes to children in need.

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> THE FOREGOING, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 7th day of November 2023, to-wit:

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AYES:

Supervisors Brandau, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero

NOES: None ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

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None None

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors County of Fresno, State of California

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