

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF FRESNO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 18-280

**IN THE MATTER OF RECOGNIZING THE)
INCREDIBLE LIFE OF FRED MACHADO)
AND THE IMPACT THAT HE HAS HAD ON)
FRESNO COUNTY THROUGH HIS MANY)
YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE)**

WHEREAS, Fernando C. "Fred" "F.C." Machado was born on March 4, 1932 in Fajazinha, Flores Azores; as a natural born citizen of the United States. He was the eldest of seven children born to Joe F. and Margaret C. Machado. The family moved to the United States in 1949, when Fred was 16 years old. In 1951, Fred enlisted in the United States Navy, where he served aboard the USS Montague AKA 98 during the Korean Conflict and honorably discharged in 1955; and

WHEREAS, After leaving the Navy, Fred worked many different jobs that eventually led him to an opportunity to rent 25 acres of farmland. This was the start of his lifelong career in farming. In 1956, he purchased his first 40 acres of land, which eventually grew to over 660 acres that include almonds, grapes and pistachios crops; and

WHEREAS, In January of 1956, at Mello's Ice Cream shop in Fresno, he met Maxine Finney, the love of his life. They married on February 23, 1957 and together they raised three children, Kathi, Arthur, and Virginia. In 1970, Fred decided to pursue another passion; the dairy business, which started out with 50 cows. The Machado family and one hired hand worked to grow the dairy to a 2000 cow operation. In the Spring of 2009, the family decided to sell their dairy business; and

WHEREAS, Fred Machado was active in many farming and civic organizations. He served for 24 years on the Danish Creamery Board of Directors, seven years on the Challenge Board and 33 years on Fresno County Farm Bureau Board of Directors, where he served as president from 1972 to 1974. He also served nine years on the Fresno-Madera Farm Credit Board and over a dozen other Boards & Committees. He volunteered his time for many elected officials and served as a volunteer at the Veterans Memorial Museum. He was awarded the Fresno County Farm Bureau Distinguished Service Award, CSUF Ag One Community Salute and the Greater Fresno Chamber Agriculturist of the Year award in recognition of his services to the agricultural community; and

WHEREAS, On July 9, 2018, after a short battle with cancer, Fred Machado, age 86, went to be with the Lord while surrounded by his loving family. Fred was proud to be an American, proud of his Portuguese heritage, proud to be a veteran, proud to be a farmer and dairyman and proud of this great country we live in. The most important things to Fred were his faith, his family, his country, and his land.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby recognize the incredible life of Fred Machado and the impact that he has had on Fresno County and our Country through his many years of dedicated service.

