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3 **BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

COUNTY OF FRESNO  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

4 **IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING MAY 2020)  
AS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH )**

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-131**

5 **WHEREAS**, The Department of Behavioral Health in partnership with our diverse communities,  
6 is dedicated to providing quality, culturally responsive, behavioral health services to promote wellness,  
recovery, and resiliency for individuals and families in our communities; and

7 **WHEREAS**, All individuals experience times of difficulty and stress in their lives and prevention  
8 and education are effective ways to reduce the burden of mental health conditions. Mental health  
9 concerns are real, prevalent and affect many adults and children regardless of age, gender, ethnicity,  
socioeconomic status or religion. With effective treatment, those individuals with mental health conditions  
can recover and lead full, productive lives; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Many community members may be experiencing life changing events due to the  
11 current pandemic, which can impact a person's mental and emotional wellbeing. And everyone can  
12 benefit from the knowledge that they are not alone and that there are resources available to support  
them; and

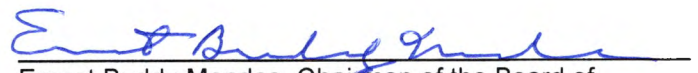
13 **WHEREAS**, The County of Fresno shares the burden of mental health problems and has a  
14 responsibility to promote mental wellness and support prevention efforts; and

15 **WHEREAS**, The County of Fresno acknowledges the stress impact of the current pandemic on  
16 our community and our need now more than ever to focus on our own mental and emotional wellness.

17 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby  
18 proclaim May 2020 as Mental Health Awareness Month in order to increase prevention and early  
19 intervention efforts and to call upon residents, government and community agencies, businesses,  
hospitals and schools to increase awareness and understanding of mental illness and the need for  
appropriate and accessible services for all.

20 **THE FOREGOING**, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of  
21 the County of Fresno this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020, to-wit:

22 AYES: Supervisors Brandau, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero  
23 NOES: None  
24 ABSENT: None  
25 ABSTAINED: None

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Ernest Buddy Mendes, Chairman of the Board of  
Supervisors of the County of Fresno

27 ATTEST:  
28 BERNICE E. SEIDEL  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Fresno, State of California  
By Susan Bishop  
Deputy