BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF FRESNO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 22-288

IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING AUGUST 7-13, 2022,)
AS INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE DOG WEEK)

WHEREAS, assistance dogs transform the lives of their human partners with physical and mental disabilities, and serve as devoted companions, helpers, aides, best friends, and close family members; and

WHEREAS, assistance dogs include service dogs, guide dogs, hearing alert dogs and seizure/alert dogs; and

WHEREAS, guide dogs assist people with vision loss, leading these individuals around physical obstacles and to destinations such as seating, crossing streets, entering or exiting doorways, safe use of elevators and stairways, and many other tasks; and

WHEREAS, service dogs assist people with disabilities with walking, balance, dressing, transferring from place to place, retrieving and carrying items, opening doors and drawers, pushing buttons, pulling wheelchairs, and aiding with household chores such as putting in and removing of clothes from washers and dryers; and

WHEREAS, hearing alert dogs alert individuals with hearing loss to the presence of specific sounds and dangers such as telephones, crying babies, sirens, other people, buzzing timers or sensors, doorbells, knocks at the door, clock alarms, and smoke and fire alarms; and

WHEREAS, seizure alert/response and medical alert/response dogs alert or respond to medical conditions such as heart attack, stroke, diabetes, epilepsy, panic and anxiety attacks and post-traumatic stress disorder and seizures; and

WHEREAS, International Assistance Dog Week is held August 7-13, 2022, and provides an opportunity to raise awareness of the selfless way all assistance dogs improve the lives of their human partners.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims August 7th through August 13th, 2022, as International Assistance Dog Week in Fresno County to help raise awareness of the selfless work of assistance dogs of all types. We celebrate and recognize the many assistance dogs and their partners in Fresno County.

THE FOREGOING, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 9th day of August 2022, to-wit:

AYES:	Supervisors Brandau, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAINED:	None

Brian Pacheco, 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

By _____
Deputy