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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF FRESNO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO 17-019

IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING THAT JANUARY 2017)
BE DESIGNATED AS FRESNO COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
DIGIBUS MOBILE COMPUTER CLASSROOM MONTH)

WHEREAS, three of Fresno County Public Library's Strategic Directions are to Support Educational and Life-long Learning Opportunities, Foster Community Connections, and Expand and Integrate Technology; and

WHEREAS, in Fresno County, over 41,000 people (9.2% of the workforce) are unemployed. Many of the unemployed lack basic digital literacy skills, such as using a computer, which has become an integral part of most jobs; and

WHEREAS, studies have found that while 58% of urban residents look online for job information and 51% apply for jobs online, in rural areas only 41% of residents look for jobs online and only 31% apply online. This low percentage for rural populations is due, at least in part, to a lack of connectivity and access to public computers. In Fresno County's 6,000 square miles, there are just 355 public computers for 946,252 residents; and

WHEREAS, to remedy this situation, the Fresno County Public Library sought funds to implement the Digibus Mobile Computer Classroom. The Fresno County Public Library will teach a series of graduated classes so people become digitally literate and able to write a resume and apply online for jobs in the County's rural communities; and

WHEREAS, the Fresno County Public Library will launch a marketing campaign for the Digibus in January 2017 and begin services on January 27, 2017.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims that January 2017 be designated as Fresno County Public Library Digibus Mobile Computer Classroom Month

Adopted by the Fresno County Board of Supervisors this 10th day of January, 2017, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Supervisors Borgeas, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero
NOES: None
ABSENT: None



CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:
BERNICE E. SEIDEL, Clerk
Board of Supervisors

By Susan Bishop
Deputy