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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF FRESNO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 19-091

**IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING MARCH 17 – 23, 2019)
AS “NATIONAL SAFE PLACE WEEK”**

WHEREAS, March 17 through 23, 2019 is National Safe Place Week, and Sanctuary and Youth Services, administered by Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission, will join in this national celebration to recognize local businesses, community organizations, youth service agencies, and volunteers that are part of the Safe Place program and work for the safety and well-being of Fresno County's youth; and

WHEREAS, A “Safe Place” is a safe haven for young people in crisis. Sanctuary's SafePlace project and its network of over 300 partner sites throughout Fresno County is committed to protecting our nation's most valuable asset, our youth; and

WHEREAS, Fresno EOC's Sanctuary Youth Shelter is an emergency shelter for runaway, homeless or at-risk youth ages 12-18. The Sanctuary Youth Shelter is the only self-referral emergency shelter within a 15,000 square mile radius and is open 24 hours-a-day, 7 days a week with emergency assistance to approximately 300 youth annually; and

WHEREAS, In California, nearly 300,000 youth up to age 18 experience homelessness. The City of Fresno reports approximately 350 missing persons/runaway cases of youth per month while the Department of Justice reports in 2017, 4,030 children were reported as missing in Fresno County. There are approximately 4,848 children homeless or at-risk of homelessness attending school in the County of Fresno; and

WHEREAS, Today more than 370,215 youth have been helped at one of the more than 20,000 Safe Place locations nationwide or received counseling by phone as a result of Safe Place information received at schools last year; Since 1997, Sanctuary has administered the Safe Place program providing education and assisted nearly 250,000 youth and adults; and

WHEREAS, National Safe Place Network operates in 38 states and in more than 1,430 communities throughout the United States, including Fresno, CA. Increased awareness will encourage more communities to establish Safe Place locations where youth can readily access the help they need.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims March 17 through 23, 2019 as “National Safe Place Week” in the County of Fresno.

1 **THE FOREGOING**, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of
the County of Fresno this 12th day of March, 2019, to-wit:

2 AYES: Supervisors, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero
3 NOES: None
4 ABSENT: None
5 ABSTAINED: None
6 VACANT: District 2



Nathan Magsig, Chairman of the Board of
Supervisors of the County of Fresno

7 ATTEST:
8 BERNICE E. SEIDEL
9 Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
10 County of Fresno, State of California

11 By Susan Bishop
12 Deputy

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