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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF FRESNO

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 23-133

IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING THE MONTH) OF MAY AS OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

WHEREAS. California's population includes six million persons aged 65 or older, of which one hundred twenty-eight thousand reside in Fresno County; state-wide the population of older adults is expected to grow to nearly eleven million by the year 2030; and

WHEREAS, our communities benefit when people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds have the opportunity to participate and live independently; and

WHEREAS, the month of May is recognized nationally as a time to celebrate all older Americans who contribute their strength, wisdom, and experience to our communities; and

WHEREAS, since 1965, the older Americans Act has reauthorized funding for services such as meals, job training, senior centers, caregiver support, transportation, health promotion, benefits enrollment, and preventing hospital readmission all of which help older adults thrive and remain independent; and

WHEREAS, the Master Plan for Aging, with the five goals of Housing for All Ages and Stages; Health Reimagined; Inclusion and Equity, Not Isolation; Caregiving that Works; and Affording Aging, is a stake-holder driven plan which will support an infrastructure to ensure all Fresno residents can remain in their community and age with dignity; and

WHEREAS, Programs such as Agewell Fresno, Fresno-Madera Area Agency on Aging and Valley Caregiver Resource Center, along with Fresno County Department of Behavioral Health, Department of Social Services, Department of Public Health, District Attorney's Office, Probation, the Fresno Police Department and Sheriff's Office, and many more support family caregivers and address issues of neglect and abuse of older adults by educating, protecting, and bridging gaps in services. These programs are committed to helping all individuals live longer, healthier lives and maintain social connections in the community of their choice for as long as possible.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaim the month of May to be Older Americans Month in Fresno County. The Board urges every resident to take time this month to celebrate older adults and the people who support them as powerful, vital individuals who greatly contribute to and strengthen our community.

THE FOREGOING, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 25th day of April 2023 to-wit:

AYES:

Supervisors Brandau, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero

NOES: ABSENT:

None ABSTAINED: None

None

Sal Quintero, 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