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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF FRESNO STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 22-154

IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING MAY 2022) FOSTER CARE MONTH IN FRESNO COUNTY)

WHEREAS, each May, National Foster Care Month provides an opportunity to shine a light on the experiences of the more than 407,000 children and youth in the foster care system nationwide. Currently, there are approximately 2,500 children in foster care in Fresno County; and

WHEREAS, no matter their age, all children in foster care need a meaningful connection to at least one caring adult who becomes a supportive and lasting presence in their lives. Without families or stable relationships, too many of these formerly neglected and/or abused children and teens will end up facing life's challenges alone; and

WHEREAS, throughout the nation and in Fresno County in particular, everyday people make a difference by serving as resource parents, mentors, advocates, social workers and volunteers. Thanks to these unsung heroes, many formerly abused or neglected children and teens will either reunite with their parents, be cared for by relatives, or be adopted by loving families; and

WHEREAS, Foster Care Month gives the community a chance to honor the dedicated relatives, resource families, social workers, public and private service agencies, and community partners who have worked together to ensure a better life for many of Fresno County's children; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaim May 2022 "Foster Care Month" in the County of Fresno. The Board calls upon the citizens of Fresno County to join them in honoring those who have shown a commitment to our children by providing them with a loving and nurturing environment.

THE FOREGOING, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 3rd day of May, 2022, to-wit:

AYES:

Supervisors Brandau, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero

NOES: ABSENT: None 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

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