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3 **BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

COUNTY OF FRESNO  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 16-346

4 IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 2016)  
AS "HMONG HISTORY MONTH" IN FRESNO COUNTY )

5 **WHEREAS**, The history of the Hmong people here in the United States, as well as throughout the  
ages, is unique and vibrant, and it is appropriate to celebrate this history during the month of  
September, which has been recognized as Hmong History Month; and

6 **WHEREAS**, The Lao-Hmong, or free people, are respected and admired for their dedicated  
service and valiant support of the United States Armed Forces and its allies during the Vietnam War;  
and


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8 **WHEREAS**, A conservative estimate of over 35,000 Lao-Hmong men, women, and children lost  
their lives, more than 50,000 were wounded and more than 2,500 are missing in action, which does not  
include the thousands who were forced into re-education camps or who perished attempting to cross the  
Mekong River into Thailand; and

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10 **WHEREAS**, In addition to the devastation to their homes and way of life, thousands of Lao-  
Hmong soldiers and their families became a country less people when they emigrated to seek refuge  
in other countries such as Argentina, Australia, Canada, China, France, Japan, New Zealand, and the  
United States – an exodus that continues to this day.

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12 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby  
proclaim the month of September 2016 as "Hmong History Month" in Fresno County in recognition of the  
Hmong men, women, and children who served the United States with loyalty and bravery.

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14 **Adopted by the Fresno County Board of Supervisors this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2016, by the  
following vote, to wit:**

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16 AYES: Supervisors Borgeas, Mendes, Pacheco, Perea, Poochigian  
17 NOES: None  
18 ABSENT: None

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CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

21 ATTEST:  
22 BERNICE E. SEIDEL, Clerk  
23 Board of Supervisors

24 By Susan Bishop  
25 Deputy