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3 **BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

COUNTY OF FRESNO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

4 IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING MARCH 19 – 25, 2017)
AS "NATIONAL SAFE PLACE WEEK")

RESOLUTION NO. 17-157

5 **WHEREAS**, March 19 – 25th, 2017 is National Safe Place Week. Fresno EOC Sanctuary and
Youth Services, which is administered by Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission, will join in this
6 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

7 **WHEREAS**, A "Safe Place" is a safe haven for young people in crisis. The Sanctuary Safe Place
8 program and its' network of 271 sites throughout Fresno County is committed to protecting our nation's
most valuable asset, our youth; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Fresno EOC's Sanctuary Youth Shelter is an emergency shelter for runaway,
10 homeless or otherwise displaced youth ages 12-17. The facility is the only self-referral shelter within a
15,000 square mile radius, spanning six counties. Sanctuary provides emergency shelter, food and clothing,
11 crisis intervention, counseling, case management, family reunification, educational activities, access to
health services and referrals to community resources. Sanctuary Youth Shelter is open 24 hours-a-day, 7
12 days a week, and provides a safe place to approximately 300 youth annually.

13 **WHEREAS**, Today more than 344,000 youth have been helped at one of the more than 20,000
Safe Place site locations nationwide or received counseling by phone as a result of Safe Place information
14 received at school last year. Since 1997, Sanctuary has been a safe place agency and has provided
education to 180,224 youth and adults assisted 13,777 youth at Safe Place sites and by phone; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Safe Place operates in 37 states and in more than 1,400 communities throughout the
United States, including Fresno, CA. Increased awareness encourages communities to establish Safe
16 Place locations where youth can readily access the help they need.

17 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby
proclaims March 19 through 25, 2017 as "National Safe Place Week" in the County of Fresno.

18 **THE FOREGOING** was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of
19 the County of Fresno this 7TH day of March, 2017, to-wit:

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

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23 CHAIRMAN, Board of Supervisors

24 ATTEST:
BERNICE E. SEIDEL
Clerk, Board of Supervisors

25 By Susan Bishop
26 Deputy