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3 **BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

COUNTY OF FRESNO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

4 IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING)
MARCH 28, 2017 AS "DIGNITY AND)
RIGHT FOR VALLEY FARMWORKERS DAY)

RESOLUTION NO. 17-177

5 **WHEREAS**, farmworkers in Fresno County deserve the same dignity and rights as all
6 Californians in that they should be able to vote on whether to be represented by a union, whether to ratify
7 a contract and whether to decertify a union that has had no contact with them for almost two decades;
and

8 **WHEREAS**, the state Agricultural Labor Relations Board has spent over \$4,000 per vote
9 using taxpayer dollars to oppose thousands of Fresno County-based farmworkers who want their
votes counted in an election that was organized and supervised by that same Agricultural Labor
Relations Board; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the Agricultural Labor Relations Board has tried to force a government-written
11 contract on thousands of Fresno County-based farmworkers without counting their votes and without
12 allowing a ratification vote even though that government-written contract would bar the employees
from petitioning for another election for years; and

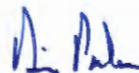
13 **WHEREAS**, the largest farm labor protests in Fresno County's history have taken place in
14 the last few years and have been directed against the Agricultural Labor Relations Board, yet the
government-written contract would strip the workers of the protected right to continue to protest
the Agricultural Labor Relations Board; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the California Court of Appeal unanimously ruled that the Agricultural Labor
Relations Board's government-written forced contracting scheme to be unconstitutional.

16 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby
17 proclaims March 28, 2017 as "Dignity and Right for Valley Farmworkers Day" in the
County of Fresno.

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19 **THE FOREGOING** was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of
the County of Fresno this 28TH day of March, 2017, to-wit:

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



CHAIRMAN, Board of Supervisors

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

25 By Susan Bishop
26 Deputy