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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF FRESNO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING MAY 2017)
AS FOSTER CARE MONTH IN THE COUNTY OF FRESNO)

RESOLUTION NO. 17-253

WHEREAS, Each May, National Foster Care Month provides an opportunity to shine a light on the experiences of the more than 427,000 children and youth in the foster care system nationwide. Currently, there are approximately 1,900 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

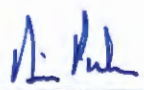
WHEREAS, Throughout the nation and in Fresno County in particular, everyday people are serving as foster parents, relative caregivers, mentors, advocates, social workers and volunteers. Thanks to these unsung heroes, many formerly abused or neglected children and teens will either reunite with their 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, foster 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.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaim May 2017 as Foster Care Month in the County of Fresno.

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, 2017, to-wit:

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



CHAIRMAN, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
BERNICE E. SEIDEL
Clerk, Board of Supervisors

By Susan Bishop
Deputy