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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF FRESNO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING JUNE 20, 2017
AS FRESNO COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER DAY)

RESOLUTION NO. 17-345

WHEREAS, the office of the Fresno County Public Defender was established by the Fresno County Board of Supervisors on June 20, 1967, and in recognition of its 50 years of providing outstanding legal service to the indigent of Fresno County, it is deserving of the highest commendations and heartiest congratulations from the People of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, the Fresno County Office of the Public Defender opened its doors on November 1, 1967, under the direction of appointed County Public Defender Melvin W. Nitz; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Office of the Public Defender is to provide legal representation to persons who are accused of committing a criminal offense and who are financially unable to employ private legal defense counsel and provides legal services in the areas of juvenile justice, conservatorships, and contempt's of court; and

WHEREAS, the staff of the Office of the Public Defender is dedicated to providing the best possible legal representation to the indigent accused; and

WHEREAS throughout the past 50 years the Office of the Public Defender has diligently, demonstrated professionalism and expertise and its achievements are consistent with the highest traditions of public service throughout the State of California.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaim June 20, 2017 as Fresno County Public Defender Day.

THE FOREGOING was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 20th day of June, 2017, to-wit:

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