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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
COUNTY OF FRESNO  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF )  
AUGUST 2017 AS "BREASTFEEDING APPRECIATION)  
MONTH IN FRESNO COUNTY")

RESOLUTION NO. 17-375

**WHEREAS**, Breastfeeding provides the nutrients needed for an infant's growth and development and is a low cost preventative health measure that reduces the risk for infections, obesity, diabetes, asthma and Sudden Infant Death Syndrome in infants and reduces the incidence of diabetes and breast and ovarian cancers in mothers; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2015, 60.9% of 14,805 newborn infants leaving Fresno County hospitals were exclusively breastfed; and

**WHEREAS**, The Fresno County Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health program continues collaborating with local delivery hospitals to implement the 10 Steps to Successful Breastfeeding and become Baby Friendly Hospitals to support moms who choose to breastfeed; and

**WHEREAS**, The Babies First Breastfeeding Task Force wants to promote and protect optimal breastfeeding practices and work collaboratively to build family, provider and community support for breastfeeding with its 12th annual Breastfeeding Awareness Walk and Celebration on August 5th, 2017 at Woodward Park.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the month of August 2017 as "Breastfeeding Appreciation Month in Fresno County" and encourages Fresno County residents to support breastfeeding as a public health measure to reduce infant morbidity and mortality and improve the health of our community.

**THE FOREGOING** was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017, to-wit:

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

  
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CHAIRMAN, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:  
BERNICE E. SEIDEL  
Clerk, Board of Supervisors

By Susan Bishop  
Deputy