

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

IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING )  
SEPTEMBER 2017 AS HMONG HISTORY MONTH)

RESOLUTION NO. 17-415

**WHEREAS**, the history of the Hmong people in the United States, and throughout the world, is unique and vibrant. In order to celebrate this history, the month of September is recognized as Hmong History Month. The Hmong people are respected and admired for their dedicated service and valiant support of the United States Armed Forces and its allies during the Vietnam War; and

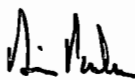
**WHEREAS**, an estimated 35,000 Hmong men, women and children lost their lives, more than 50,000 were wounded and more than 2,500 are missing in action. This does not include the thousands who were forced into re-education camps or who perished attempting to cross the Mekong River into Thailand; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the devastation to their homes and way of life, thousands of Hmong soldiers and their families became a country-less people when they emigrated to seek refuge in other countries such as Argentina, Australia, Canada, China, France, Japan, New Zealand, and the United States – an exodus that continues to this day.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaim September 2017 as Hmong History Month in the County of Fresno, in recognition of the Hmong men, women and children who served the United States with loyalty and bravery.

**THE FOREGOING** was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 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