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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF FRESNO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF VOTER EDUCATION)
WEEKS AND NATIONAL VOTER)
REGISTRATION DAY)

RESOLUTION NO. 17-439

WHEREAS, High School Voter Education Weeks are September 18 - 29, 2017, which includes a specially designated day identified as National Voter Registration Day on September 26, 2017. The Fresno County Clerk/Registrar of Voters is committed to strengthening democracy by encouraging voter registration and increasing participation in all elections by all eligible Californians; and

WHEREAS, young people play a critical role in our democracy by helping to choose the people who will lead us and by voicing their opinions on the issues that are important to them. Students are encouraged to participate in our democracy through civics and voter outreach programs, volunteering to serve as student poll workers, and by encouraging their peers, family members, and community to register to vote and participate in elections; and

WHEREAS, the Fresno County Clerk/Registrar of Voters contacted all high school principals encouraging voter registration and pre-registration for 16 and 17 year olds. As of January 1, 2017, approximately 290 Fresno County pre-registration forms from 16 and 17 year olds have been received. These prospective voters will automatically become registered voters on their 18th birthday; and

WHEREAS, to promote voter registration and civic engagement in the month of September, the Fresno County Clerk/Registrar of Voters provided registration opportunities at the CARNAVAL Children's Festival at the Sal Mosqueda Center and Constitution Day at Fresno State; and

WHEREAS, technology, including California's online voter registration website and "Fresno County VOTES" online portal, provides citizens greater access to voter registration resources including the ability to verify one's registration profile.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaim September 18 - 29, 2017 as High School Voter Education Weeks and September 26, 2017 as National Voter Registration Day, and encourages eligible citizens to register to vote and be active participants in the democratic process 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 26th day of September, 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