

1 **BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**
2 COUNTY OF FRESNO
3 STATE OF CALIFORNIA

4 **RESOLUTION NO. 17-511**

5 **IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER 17, 2017)**
6 **AS WORLD PREMATURITY DAY**)

7 **WHEREAS**, premature births threaten the lives and health of 15 million babies around the world
8 every year and is the leading cause of death among newborns. Fresno County has one of the highest
9 rates of premature births in California with one in every nine babies being born prematurely; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the Fresno County Preterm Birth Initiative is a collaborative effort to reduce the
11 number of babies born prematurely from 11.1% to 7% by 2025 in Fresno County and increase the health
12 of women before, during, and after pregnancy. It is a part of a 10-year Preterm Birth Initiative, led by the
13 University of California, San Francisco. The Central California Center for Health and Human Services at
14 Fresno State University is the backbone organization; and

15 **WHEREAS**, organizations in Fresno County, including government agencies, businesses,
16 schools, colleges, churches, non-profit organizations, hospitals, clinics, and others are working to
17 improve the health of mothers and babies in Fresno County.

18 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby
19 proclaim November 17, 2017 as World Prematurity Day as a part of the Every Woman Every Child
20 initiative. We encourage all residents of Fresno County to recognize the importance of measures that can
21 be taken to reduce the number of premature births.

22 **THE FOREGOING**, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of
23 the County of Fresno this 14th day of November, 2017, to-wit:

24 AYES: Supervisors, Borgeas, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero
25 NOES: None
26 ABSENT: None
27 ABSTAINED: None

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Brian Pacheco, Chairman of the Board of
Supervisors of the County of Fresno

ATTEST:
BERNICE E. SEIDEL
Clerk to the Board of Supervisors
County of Fresno, State of California

By Susan Bishop
Deputy