

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

**IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING )  
FEBRUARY 6, 2018 AS COACH JEFF TEDFORD)  
DAY IN THE COUNTY OF FRESNO )**

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-053**

**WHEREAS**, Fresno State named Jeff Tedford as the 19th head football coach in Fresno State history on Nov. 10, 2016. With his arrival he led the 2017 Bulldog team to a 10-4 overall season record and an 8-1 Mountain West Conference record, after the program had a 1-11 overall record and 0-8 Conference record in 2016. Coach Tedford is no stranger to turning around a program. Cal's program had won just one game in 2001, the year prior to his arrival. Winning seven games in the 2002 season as the Bears Head Coach, the program became bowl eligible.

**WHEREAS**, As a former Bulldog quarterback and Fresno State assistant coach, he returned to the Valley after holding the position of offensive consultant for the Washington Huskies. Coach Tedford, who is a proven winner, came to the Valley with 11 years of head coaching experience at the Division I level having led the California Golden Bears to 82 wins from 2002-2012. He left as the school's all-time winningest coach.

**WHEREAS**, Coach Tedford's ties to the Valley run deep. He played Fresno State quarterback in 1981-82 under Jim Sweeney, coached from 1987-88 and 1992-96 under Sweeney, and in 1997 under head coach Pat Hill. Afterwards he picked up his first full-time position as an assistant for the Calgary Stampeders of the Canadian Football League, a league familiar to him, in which he played quarterback for six seasons.

**WHEREAS**, In 1992 as Fresno State's quarterbacks coach, Coach Tedford began honing the skills of Trent Dilfer. That 1992 season, under his tutelage, Dilfer ranked first nationally in passing efficiency and won the WAC Offensive Player of the Year award. Dilfer was chosen by Tampa Bay in the first round of the 1994 NFL Draft. Coach Tedford has had 40 players selected in the NFL Draft including eight first-round picks. Coach Tedford's focused on academics as well, his players were recognized as conference All-Academic honorees 110 times in 11 seasons.

**WHEREAS**, Coach Tedford's success with the Cal program garnered national attention as Cal averaged more than 57,000 fans per contest for seven consecutive seasons. In 2006, the Bears set school records for average fans per home game (64,318). In 2007, Cal established a school record with 41,366 season-ticket holders. Our hope is he can lead the Fresno State program to these heights to gain the backing of the community to rebuild and restore Bulldog Stadium to its prominence.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims February 6, 2018 as Coach Jeff Tedford Day in the County of Fresno. **GO BULLDOGS!**

