1	BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF FRESNO STATE OF CALIFORNIA
2	STATE OF CALLIONNIA
3	IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING APRIL 3, 2018) AS MARCH FOR BABIES DAY IN FRESNO COUNTY
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6	WHEREAS, founded in 1938, the March of Dimes is a national, volunteer-based, health organization whose mission is to improve the health of pregnant women, infants and children by
7	preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality through research, community services, education and advocacy; and
8	WHEREAS, there are an estimated 15 million preterm babies (birth before 37 weeks of
9	pregnancy) born worldwide each year and rising. It is the second leading cause of death among children under five years of age. 1.1 million babies die from preterm birth complications; and
10	WHEREAS, in the United States, over 500,000 babies are born prematurely each year with over 120,000 born with a birth defect. Prematurity and birth defects are a leading causes of infant mortality, with medical and societal costs of preterm births estimated at over \$26 billion per year; and
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12 13	WHEREAS, in California, 8.6% of children are born preterm with about 15,000 babies born having a birth defect. Over 2,000 babies die before their first birthday; and
14	WHEREAS, in Fresno County, 10.1% of children are born preterm with some suffering from health complications, long-term physical and cognitive challenges and even death; and
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15 16	WHEREAS, March 23, 2018 was "Blue Jeans for Babies" day in the County of Fresno, where participants made donations and wore jeans to work in support of babies; and
17	WHEREAS, April 19, 2018 will be an additional "Blue Jeans for Babies" day in the County of Fresno; and
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19 20	WHEREAS, on April 7, 2018, the March of Dimes invites the public to attend the "March for Babies" walk at Woodward Park, which raises funds for infants; and
	WHEREAS, the donation campaign will continue online through April 30, 2018; and
21	WHEREAS, funds raised during this event are from personal contributions and not from County
22	funds; and
23 24	WHEREAS, limited Fresno County staff time, email and County logo may be used to promote this event.
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1	NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims April 3, 2018 as March for Babies day in the County of Fresno.
2	THE FOREGOING, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of
3	the County of Fresno this 3 rd day of April, 2018, to-wit:
4	AYES: Supervisors Borgeas, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero NOES: None ABSENT: None
5 6	ABSTAINED: None
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7 8	Sal Quintero, Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno
9	ATTEST: BERNICE E. SEIDEL
10	Clerk of the Board of Supervisors County of Fresno, State of California
11	By <u>Susan Bishop</u> Deputy
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14	File ID#, 18-0363 Agenda Item # 7 Resolution No. 18-123
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