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3 **BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

COUNTY OF FRESNO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

4 **IN THE MATTER OF CELEBRATING THE)**
5 **100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST)**
6 **REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA)**

RESOLUTION NO. 18-139

7 **WHEREAS**, after the genocide of 1915 many Armenian refugees fled to the Caucasus into
8 Russian-held Armenia; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Russian Revolution of 1917 was followed by the withdrawal of Russian troops
10 from Russian-held Armenia, leaving it defenseless against the Turks. With the Armenians in Turkish-held
11 Armenia already destroyed or driven out by the genocide, the Turks advanced into Russian-held Armenia
12 where thousands of Armenian volunteers from America and Europe joined with their Russian Armenian
13 brethren to defend the Caucasus against the Turks, fighting desperately to halt the Turkish advance and
14 preserve this last haven for thousands of refugees; and

15 **WHEREAS**, on May 28, 1918 the Armenian National Council declared Armenia an
16 independent republic after these fierce and victorious battles with the Turkish Army. This declaration of
17 independence was a historic political milestone—the first expression of Armenian sovereignty since
18 1375; and

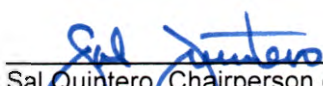
19 **WHEREAS**, although the Armenian Republic was short lived thanks to the onslaught of
20 Communism, its role was crucial in the development of the Armenian nation and still has direct relevance
21 to the status of Armenian claims today. Its efforts led to the establishment of the Soviet Armenian
22 Republic which declared independence on September 21, 1991 upon the collapse of the USSR; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the Republic of Armenia today carries on the legacy of its predecessor, certainly in
24 terms of national symbols. The modern code of arms is a modification of the 1918 version and the tricolor
25 flag and national anthem were also adopted by the current Republic of Armenia.

26 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby
27 celebrates the 100th anniversary of the First Republic of Armenia.

28 **THE FOREGOING**, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of
the County of Fresno this 1st day of May, 2018, to-wit:

AYES: Supervisors Borgeas, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None

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Sal Quintero, Chairperson of the Board of
Supervisors of the County of Fresno

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

By Susan Bishop
Deputy