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3 **BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

COUNTY OF FRESNO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

4 **IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING MAY 2018)**
AS "FOSTER CARE MONTH" IN FRESNO COUNTY)

RESOLUTION NO. 18-181

5 **WHEREAS**, Each May, National Foster Care Month provides an opportunity to shine a light on
6 the experiences of the more than 437,000 children and youth in the foster care system nationwide.
7 Currently there are just under 2,000 children in foster care in Fresno County; and

8 **WHEREAS**, No matter their age, all children in foster care need a meaningful connection to at
9 least one caring adult who becomes a supportive and lasting presence in their lives. Without families or
10 stable relationships, too many of these formerly neglected and/or abused children and teens will end up
11 facing life's challenges alone; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Throughout the nation and in Fresno County in particular, everyday people are
13 serving as foster parents, relative caregivers, mentors, advocates, social workers and volunteers.
14 Thanks to these unsung heroes, many formerly abused or neglected children and teens will either
15 reunite with their parents, be cared for by relatives, or be adopted by loving families; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Foster Care Month gives the community a chance to honor the dedicated
17 relatives, foster families, social workers, public and private service agencies, and community partners
18 who have worked together to ensure a better life for many of Fresno County's children; and

19 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby
20 May 2018 as "Foster Care Month" in Fresno County. The Board calls upon the citizens of Fresno County
21 to join them in honoring those who have shown a commitment to our children by providing them with a
22 loving and nurturing environment.

23 **THE FOREGOING**, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of
24 the County of Fresno this 8th day of May, 2018, to-wit:

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

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

33 ATTEST:
34 BERNICE E. SEIDEL
35 Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
36 County of Fresno, State of California

37 By Susan Bishop
38 Deputy