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

IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING )  
THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2018 AS )  
BREASTFEEDING AWARENESS MONTH)

RESOLUTION NO. 18-265

**WHEREAS**, breastfeeding benefits both mothers and babies, by reducing the risk of depression, as well as breast and ovarian cancers, and by providing babies with optimal nutrition that contributes to reduction in the incidence and severity of diseases, such as Type 2 diabetes, respiratory infections, ear infections, obesity, asthma and Sudden Infant Death syndrome; and

**WHEREAS**, for 2016, Fresno County had 69.0 percent of its mothers exclusively breastfeeding their infants at the time of hospital discharge; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Department of Public Health's 2018 World Breastfeeding Week Campaign aims to raise awareness about lactation accommodation as a strategy to help working mothers to continue breastfeeding exclusively for the first six months of their child's life; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fresno County's Babies First Breastfeeding Task Force supports the campaign and is working to increase community awareness of breastfeeding as the first step to a healthy life with its annual Breastfeeding Awareness Walk and Celebration on August 4, 2018.

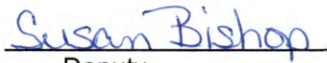
**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the month of August 2018 as Breastfeeding Awareness Month in Fresno County and encourages Fresno County residents to support breastfeeding as a local health priority to reduce infant morbidity and mortality.

**THE FOREGOING**, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 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

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

By   
Deputy