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

IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING THE WEEK)  
OF SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH 15<sup>TH</sup> AS )  
"SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK" )

RESOLUTION NO. 18-318

**WHEREAS**, Suicide is a public health issue that requires vigilant attention and preventative action with over 109 deaths by suicide recorded in Fresno County during 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, Each death by suicide directly impacts numerous family members, friends, loved ones, and by extension the entire community; and

**WHEREAS**, Each citizen of Fresno County can be the one to find the words to reach out and help someone in need who is contemplating suicide; and

**WHEREAS**, The Fresno County Suicide Prevention Collaborative was formed by a large cross sector of behavioral health, physical health, schools, hospitals, people with lived experience, public safety, emergency medical systems providers, advocates, community based organizations, county and community leaders, to collectively develop a local plan to prevent suicides; and

**WHEREAS**, The Fresno County Suicide Prevention Collaborative is committed to raising awareness, providing education and training on suicide prevention, and reducing stigma; and

**WHEREAS**, The Fresno County Suicide Prevention Collaborative is committed to ensuring that those in need have access to services by healthcare providers trained in best practices to reduce suicide risk, and to reducing the stigma associated with using behavioral health treatment or losing a loved one to suicide; and

**WHEREAS**, In the most recent year available, there were over 17,000 calls made to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline from Fresno County seeking assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, No single suicide prevention effort will be sufficient or appropriate for all populations or communities; all are asked to join together and take a stand to prevent suicide; and

**WHEREAS**, September 9th through 15th is recognized across the United States as Suicide Prevention Week and provides the opportunity to educate our community about warning signs and how best to help those most in need.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaim the week of September 9th through 15th as "Suicide Prevention Week" in Fresno County.

**THE FOREGOING**, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018, to-wit:

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

  
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 Susan Bishop  
Deputy

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