## BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COUNTY OF FRESNO STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 29, 2018 AS DYSTONIA AWARENESS DAY IN FRESNO COUNTY)

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-319** 

WHEREAS, Dystonia is a neurological disorder affecting about 300,000 people in the United States. It is a movement disorder and is the third most common after essential tremor and Parkinson disease. Dystonia causes muscles to contract involuntarily, it can be mild or severe; and

WHEREAS, this neurological disorder is very hard to diagnose and there is no cure for dystonia but there are various forms of treatments available, many of which have severe side effects: and

WHEREAS, medical research has identified various causes of dystonia, 15-20% has been caused by genetic mutation, while others have had some sort of brain trauma, or drug or radiation side effects, lastly there is idiopathic dystonia that doesn't have a clear cause; and

WHEREAS, since this condition is extremely rare, the funding for research is limited; and

WHEREAS. September is National Dystonia Awareness Month, and on September 29, 2018, the local coalition of Dystonia patients will be conducting a Zoo Walk at the Fresno Chaffee Zoo to bring awareness of this condition to the public.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby

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

Supervisors Borgeas, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero AYES:

NOES: None None ABSENT: ABSTAINED: None

> Chairpierson 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