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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF FRESNO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 18-346

**IN THE MATTER OF RECOGNIZING THE)
SANGER MASONIC LODGE NO. 316 ON THEIR)
ACHIEVEMENT OF BEING AN ACTIVE CLUB IN)
THE SANGER COMMUNITY FOR 125 YEARS)**

WHEREAS, The City of Sanger was founded because of a decision by Southern Pacific Railroad to build a branch line to serve farms on the east side of the San Joaquin Valley. In March 1888, a spike was driven into the ground next to the roadbed about four miles southwest of Centerville. The Town that was laid out around that spike was named after Joseph Sanger Jr.; and

WHEREAS, With industries quickly locating to the Sanger area, the population began to transform from a transient populous to a stable population, with pioneering businessmen opening shops in the town. As the town grew, social functions became a part of daily life, and some of the men who met in those early years were members of Masonic lodges in other parts of the state. After a few organizational meetings, a formal request for dispensation to meet was forwarded to the Grand Lodge of California; and

WHEREAS, The dispensation was granted on January 16, 1893, and after careful review of the activities and membership of the lodge, a Charter was issued on October 11, 1893, officially authorizing Sanger Masonic Lodge to become Sanger Masonic Lodge, No. 316 under the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of California; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the Sanger Lodge is to promote a way of life that binds like-minded men in a worldwide brotherhood that transcends all religious, ethnic, cultural, social and educational differences. That by teaching the great principles of brotherly love, relief and truth; and, by the outward expression of these through its fellowship, to find ways in which to serve family, country, neighbors and self. Through Masonic principles and tradition, they foster personal growth and improve the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, In 1932, they purchased the "Kittle Building" and have called the building home ever since. Today, the Sanger Lodge consists of 71 active members, and 17 Masonic Widows. For the last 125 years, Sanger Masons have been active in a variety of community and philanthropic actives in the Sanger area.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby recognize the Sanger Masonic Lodge, No. 316 on their achievement of being an active club in the Sanger Community for 125 years.

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

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

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