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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF FRESNO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF RECOGNIZING THE)
150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ACADEMY)
METHODIST CHURCH)

RESOLUTION NO. 18-345

WHEREAS, the historic 1868 Academy Church is a small wooden one room sanctuary where the majestic Sierra Nevada is visible from the front door. The church has provided worship services for 150 years and is the oldest continuing church in Fresno County; and

WHEREAS, many early pioneers such as John G. Simpson, who in 1856 donated the land for Academy Church, were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South that arrived in America to establish missions and schools. John was a successful stock man who owned over 7,000 acres of land and also served as the first Fresno County Tax Collector as well as Superintendent of Fresno County Schools; and

WHEREAS, by 1868, Academy Church members had donated adequate funds to build their church home. The families participated in the traditional "roof" raising and to this day residents of Fresno County may recognize the names of the families who joined in many of their descendants continue ranching and remain active in our community; and

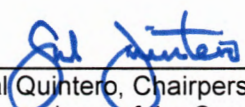
WHEREAS, in the modern day, Academy Church remains a place of gathering for the community as several worship services are continuously held at the church as well as various events including weddings and memorial services; and

WHEREAS, organizations such as the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and members of the Clovis Methodist Church as well as families use the Academy Church facility as a campground on weekends as it provides a unique and historical venue that tells an important piece of Fresno County's early history.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes the 150th anniversary of the Academy Methodist Church and the significant historical role that it plays in our community.

THE FOREGOING, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 9th day of October, 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