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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF FRESNO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 19-021

**IN THE MATTER OF RECOGNIZING AND)
CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY)
OF FRESNO COUNTY'S BIG BROTHER/)
BIG SISTERS ORGANIZATION _____)**

WHEREAS, January 2018 Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Fresno County, Inc. is celebrating its 50th anniversary. The non-profit organization's goal is to help all children reach their potential through professionally supported, one-to-one relationships with volunteer mentors. It is appropriate at this time to highlight its many achievements and to underscore the positive impact that the organization has made in Fresno County and beyond; and

WHEREAS, The Big Brothers movement began in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1903, and the one-to-one philosophy slowly took hold. Thirteen Big Brothers Associations joined forces and formed Big Brothers of America in 1946, one of the few social welfare organizations to be chartered by the Congress of the United States. In 1970, Big Sisters Association became Big Sisters of America, and in 1976 Big Brothers of America and Big Sisters of America merged to become Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America; and

WHEREAS, In January 1968, a group of young men representing different backgrounds and vocations decided to help establish this unique social service in Fresno by sponsoring fundraising events and membership drives until sufficient funds were raised to implement a Big Brother program; and

WHEREAS, In addition to its Metro Fresno/Clovis Program, the organization extends its services to various rural communities, particularly southeastern and western Fresno County, as well as Madera and Kings Counties; and

WHEREAS, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Fresno County has evolved into a leading organization in the community, a dynamic force striving to improve the quality of life of its members and the general community.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes and celebrates the 50th Anniversary of Fresno County's Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization. This accomplishment is a testimony to the positive role that they play in the lives of children in Fresno County.

THE FOREGOING, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 29th day of January, 2019, to-wit:

AYES: Supervisors Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None
VACANT: District 2

Nathan Magsig, Chairman 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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