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RESOLUTION NO. 19-153

IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF MAY 2019) "WATER SAFETY MONTH" IN FRESNO COUNTY......)

WHEREAS, the Water Safety Council of Fresno County was originally formed as a task force in 1982 after a child drowned in a canal. A group of citizens concerned about the lack of water safety education in the community brought the issue to the Fresno County Board of Supervisors and the Fresno City Council; and

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COUNTY OF FRESNO STATE OF CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, the Water Safety Council of Fresno County became a non-profit in 1993 with the primary mission to reduce water related injuries and deaths in Fresno County through water safety education. Drowning is the leading cause of death for children, especially 0-5 years of age; and

WHEREAS, the Water Safety Council of Fresno County is a collaboration of several local agencies that give their time and monetary support to include water safety education in their activities; and

WHEREAS, the Water Safety Council of Fresno County provides water safety educational programs for adults and children, maintains a website, partners with Fresno County communities each summer to provide full swimming lesson scholarships to children and offers the Water Watchers adult education program. The Council continues to reach out to the public through the media and through distributing information to various agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Water Safety Council of Fresno County advocates the constant adult supervision of children when around water as well as the installation of more than one protective barrier to prevent drowning.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaim the month of May 2019 "Water Safety Month" in Fresno County and support the goal of preventing drowning through education.

THE FOREGOING, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 23rd day of April, 2019, to-wit:

AYES:

Supervisors, Brandau, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero

Nathan Magsig, Chairman of the Board of

Supervisors of the County of Fresno

NOES:

None

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ATTEST:

None

ABSTAINED:

None

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors County of Fresno, State of California