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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
COUNTY OF FRESNO  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-152**

**IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING APRIL 23, 2019)  
AS "MARCH FOR BABIES" DAY )**

**WHEREAS**, March of Dimes, founded in 1938, is a national, volunteer-based, health organization whose mission is to improve the health of pregnant women, infants and children by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality through research, community services, education and advocacy; and

**WHEREAS**, Premature birth is birth that happens before 37 weeks of pregnancy and its complications are the largest contributors to infant death in the U.S., and a major cause of long-term health problems in children who survive. There are an estimated 15 million preterm babies born worldwide each year. It is the second leading cause of death among children under 5 years of age and responsible for more than 1 million deaths; and

**WHEREAS**, In the United States, about 380,000 babies born each year are preterm births and effect more than half a million families. In California, 8.6% of babies are born preterm, almost 15,000 babies born with a birth defect and 2,354 babies who die before their first birthday; and

**WHEREAS**, In Fresno County 10.4% of children are born preterm, with some preemie babies suffering from health complications, long-term physical and cognitive challenges and even death. Prematurity and birth defects are the leading causes of infant mortality, with medical and societal costs of preterm birth estimated at over \$26 billion dollars per year; and

**WHEREAS**, April 11th and 18th 2019, was "Blue Jeans for Babies" day in the County of Fresno, where participants made donations and wore jeans to work in support of babies; and

**WHEREAS**, On May 4, 2019, March of Dimes invites the public to attend the "March for Babies" walk at Woodward Park, located at: 7775 N. Friant Road, Fresno, California 93720 in efforts to educate and prevent premature births in Fresno County.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaim April 23, 2019 as "March for Babies" day in the County of Fresno.

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

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

  
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