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3 **BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
4 **COUNTY OF FRESNO**  
5 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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8 **IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING )**  
9 **SEPTEMBER 8-14, 2019, AS SUICIDE)**  
10 **PREVENTION WEEK**

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-349**

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12 **WHEREAS**, suicide is a public health issue that requires vigilant attention and  
13 preventative action with over 115 deaths by suicide recorded in Fresno County during 2018; and

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15 **WHEREAS**, each death by suicide directly impacts numerous family members, friends,  
16 loved ones, and by extension the entire community; and

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18 **WHEREAS**, each citizen of Fresno County can be the one to find the words to reach  
19 out and help someone in need who is contemplating suicide; and

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21 **WHEREAS**, the Fresno County Suicide Prevention Collaborative was formed by a large  
22 cross sector of behavioral health, physical health, schools, hospitals, people with lived  
23 experience, first responders, law enforcement, emergency medical systems providers,  
24 advocates, community based organizations, county and community leaders, to collectively  
25 develop a local plan to prevent suicides; and

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27 **WHEREAS**, the Fresno County Suicide Prevention Collaborative is committed to raising  
28 awareness, providing education and training on suicide prevention, and reducing stigma; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fresno County Suicide Prevention Collaborative is committed to  
ensuring that those in need have access to services by healthcare providers trained in best  
practices to reduce suicide risk, and to reducing the stigma associated with using behavioral  
health treatment or losing a loved one to suicide; and

**WHEREAS**, in the most recent year available, there were over 8,000 calls made to the  
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline from Fresno County seeking assistance; and

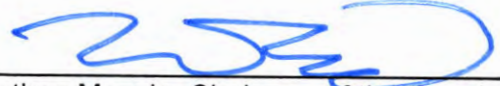
**WHEREAS**, no single suicide prevention effort will be sufficient or appropriate for all  
populations or communities; all are asked to join together and take a stand to prevent suicide;  
and

**WHEREAS**, September 8th through 14th is recognized across the United States as  
Suicide Prevention Week and provides the opportunity to educate our community about warning  
signs and how best to help those most in need.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors  
hereby proclaim the week of September 8-14, 2019, as Suicide Prevention Week in Fresno  
County.

1           **THE FOREGOING**, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of  
2 Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019, to-wit:

3           AYES:           Supervisors Brandau, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero  
4           NOES:           None  
5           ABSENT:       None  
6           ABSTAINED: None



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8 Nathan Magsig, Chairman of the Board of  
9 Supervisors of the County of Fresno

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

14          By Susan Bishop  
15               Deputy

16          File ID #19-1009  
17          Agenda Item #5  
18          Resolution #19-349