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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF FRESNO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER)
2019 AS "NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH")**

RESOLUTION NO. 19-397

WHEREAS, National Adoption Month in November serves as an opportunity to bring awareness to the importance of adoption, which provides much needed homes for children, especially those in foster care. Every young person deserves the love and support of a permanent, forever family in which he or she can thrive, in the security of a stable environment with unconditional love; and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2018, 2,033 youth in Fresno County were in foster care. Between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019, 280 youth were adopted into forever homes; 51 of those youth were between the ages of 8 to 18, the most overlooked age group for adoption; and

WHEREAS, the Fresno County Board of Supervisors wishes to recognize all private and public adoption agencies within Fresno County committed to finding permanent homes for children in need of safe, loving homes and wishes to honor the dedicated families who have opened their hearts and homes to provide love and support for children; and

WHEREAS, the Fresno County Board of Supervisors wishes to commend the network of committed social workers, community service providers and County agencies for their dedication and support to families and the adopted children in their homes; and

WHEREAS, National Adoption Month gives this community a chance to honor and commend the dedicated relatives, foster families, adoptive families, social workers, County agencies, public and private adoption agencies, and community partners who have all worked together to ensure a better life for many of our County's young people.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims November 2019 as "National Adoption Month" in Fresno County and encourages caring adults to consider opening their hearts and homes to children in need.

1 **THE FOREGOING**, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of
Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 22nd day of October, 2019, to-wit:

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



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

7 ATTEST:
8 BERNICE E. SEIDEL
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
9 County of Fresno, State of California

10 By Susan Bishop
Deputy

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