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3 **BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

COUNTY OF FRESNO  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

4 **IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING THE MONTH)**  
5 **OF NOVEMBER AS NATIONAL RUNAWAY )**  
6 **PREVENTION MONTH IN FRESNO COUNTY )**

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-412**

7 **WHEREAS**, National Runaway Prevention Month began in 2002, in partnership with the  
8 National Runaway Safeline (NRS) and Fresno EOC Sanctuary and Support Services is  
9 committed to protecting our youth and young adults and ending youth homelessness by 2020;  
10 and

11 **WHEREAS**, the prevalence of runaway and homelessness among youth is staggering,  
12 with studies suggesting that every year, 4.2 million people ages 13 – 25 endure some form of  
13 homelessness; and

14 **WHEREAS**, in 2018, the California Department of Justice reported Fresno County had  
15 3,718 runaway youth; often this could include youth who are expelled from their home; have  
16 experienced abuse and trauma; are involved in the foster care system; are too poor to secure  
17 their own basic needs; and may be ineligible or unable to access adequate medical or mental  
18 health resources; and

19 **WHEREAS**, effective programs like Sanctuary and Support Services who operates the  
20 Sanctuary Youth Shelter and Sanctuary Transitional Shelter provided emergency shelter for  
21 over 350 runaway, homeless or at risk youth and young adults ages 12-24 in 2018; administers  
22 a network of 300 Safe Place sites providing immediate access to youth in crisis; operates  
23 Central Valley Against Human Trafficking which assists victims of all forms of human trafficking;  
24 and operates the newest LGBTQ+ Resource Center providing a safe space for members of the  
25 LGBT community; and

26 **WHEREAS**, Sanctuary and Support Services, along with National Runaway Safeline is  
27 honoring November as the National Runaway Prevention Month to raise awareness of the  
28 issues facing runaway and homeless youth, and educate the public about solutions and the role  
they can play in ending youth homelessness.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors  
hereby proclaims the month of November 2019 as National Runaway Prevention Month in  
Fresno County.

**THE FOREGOING**, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 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

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