

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

**IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING)  
MARCH 22-28, 2020 AS NATIONAL )  
AG WEEK \_\_\_\_\_ )**

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-105**

**WHEREAS**, American agriculture celebrated its first National Ag Week and National Agriculture Day in 1973. National Agriculture Week program celebrates Americas' diversity of people, culture, commodities and agricultural landscapes as well as the variety of crops, career opportunities and economic activity generated by the value-added items produced on the nation's farms and ranches that provide the necessities of everyday life, food and fiber. The National Agriculture Day program recognizes the importance of making informed food choices and developing sound eating habits.; and

**WHEREAS**, California agriculture continues to lead the nation in cash farm receipts, receiving approximately \$50 billion in gross revenues in 2018. The state produces approximately one-third of the country's vegetables and two-thirds of the country's fruits and nuts. California dominates in exports, as well, totaling \$20.56 billion in 2017. With 77,100 farms and ranches spread across 25.3 million acres of bountiful soil, California's value chain accounts for more than 1.5 million jobs in the state; and

**WHEREAS**, Fresno County is located in the heart of the San Joaquin Valley, which is one of five Mediterranean growing regions in the world known for its fertile soils, long growing seasons and a developed surface and groundwater supply that enabled county farmers and ranchers to produce more than \$7.888 billion in agricultural production in 2018 and is the leading food and fiber producing county in the state and nation; and

**WHEREAS**, Fresno County has more than 4,700 farms, which produce over 300 different commodities. Fresno County's Top 10 Crops in 2018 were almonds, grapes, pistachios, poultry, garlic, milk, cattle, onions, tomatoes, mandarins.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaim the week of March 22 – 28, 2020, as NATIONAL AG WEEK; and

**THE FOREGOING**, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 24<sup>TH</sup> day of March 2020, to-wit:

AYES: Supervisors Brandau, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero

NOES:           None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

Ernst Bullywinkel

Ernest Buddy Mendes, 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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