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3 **BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

COUNTY OF FRESNO  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

4 **IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING )**  
**MAY 2020 AS "FOSTER CARE MONTH"**

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-130**

5 **WHEREAS**, Each May, National Foster Care Month provides an opportunity to shine a  
6 light on the experiences of the more than 430,000 children and youth in the foster care system  
7 nationwide. Currently there are approximately 2,500 children in foster care in Fresno County;  
and

8 **WHEREAS**, No matter their age, all children in foster care need a meaningful connection  
9 to at least one caring adult who becomes a supportive and lasting presence in their lives.  
10 Without families or stable relationships, too many of these formerly neglected and/or abused  
children and teens will end up facing life's challenges alone; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Throughout the nation and in Fresno County in particular, everyday people  
12 are serving as foster parents, relative caregivers, mentors, advocates, social workers and  
13 volunteers. Thanks to these unsung heroes, many formerly abused or neglected children and  
teens will either reunite with their parents, be cared for by relatives, or be adopted by loving  
families; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Foster Care Month gives the community a chance to honor the dedicated  
15 relatives, resource families, social workers, public and private service agencies, and community  
16 partners who have worked together to ensure a better life for many of Fresno County's children.

17 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors  
18 hereby proclaims May 2020 as "Foster Care Month" in Fresno County. The Board calls upon the  
19 citizens of Fresno County to join them in honoring those who have shown a commitment to our  
children by providing them with a loving and nurturing environment.

20 **THE FOREGOING**, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of  
21 Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020, to-wit:

22 AYES: Supervisors Brandau, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero  
23 NOES: None  
24 ABSENT: None  
25 ABSTAINED: None

  
Ernest Buddy Mendes, Chairman of the Board of  
Supervisors of the County of Fresno

26 ATTEST:  
27 BERNICE E. SEIDEL  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Fresno, State of California

28 By Susan Bishop  
Deputy