BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

1 **COUNTY OF FRESNO** STATE OF CALIFORNIA 2 RESOLUTION NO. 20-285 3 IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 14-25, 2020 AS 4 CALIFORNIA HIGH SCHOOL VOTER EDUCATION WEEKS AND SEPTEMBER 22, 2020 AS NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION 5 DAY IN FRESNO COUNTY 6 WHEREAS The Fresno County Clerk firmly believes that democracy is not a spectator sport and is committed to strengthening democracy by encouraging voter registration and increasing participation in 7 all elections by all eligible Californians; and 8 WHEREAS, Young people play a critical role in our democracy by helping to choose the people who will lead us and by voicing their opinions on the issues that are important to them; and 9 WHEREAS, Students are encouraged to participate in our democracy through civics and voter outreach programs, volunteering as student vote center workers, and by encouraging their peers, family 10 members, and community to register to vote and participate in elections; and 11 WHEREAS, California election law permits 16 and 17-year olds to pre-register and will automatically become registered voters on their 18th birthday; currently the Fresno County Clerk's office 12 anticipates 996 pre-registrants becoming 18 years old by November 3; and 13 WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic limits in-person voter education and voter registration events, requiring aggressive support of online voter education and registration efforts; and 14 WHEREAS, the Fresno County Clerk/Registrar of Voters has provided a link to the Secretary of 15 State's website for easy online voter registration for all eligible individuals. 16 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes and proclaims September 14-25, 2020 as California High School Voter Education Weeks and 17 September 22, 2020 as National Voter Registration Day and encourages eligible citizens to register to vote and be active participants in the democratic process in the County of Fresno. 18 THE FOREGOING was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of 19 the County of Fresno this 22nd day of September, 2020, to-wit: 20 Supervisors Brandau, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero AYES: NOES: None 21 ABSENT: None ABSTAINED: None 22 23 Ernest Buddy Mendes, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the Country of Fresno 24

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Fresno, State of California

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