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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF FRESNO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 20-346

**IN THE MATTER OF SUPPORTING AN IMMEDIATE CEASE FIRE)
AND REAFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR A FREE AND INDEPENDENT)
NAGORNO KARABAKH REPUBLIC (ARTSAKH))**

WHEREAS, the County of Fresno has been the proud home of one of the oldest and most vibrant Armenian communities in the United States. Armenian immigrants chose the County of Fresno as their home to be free to practice Christianity, educate their children, and be productive, respectful and respectable American citizens; and

WHEREAS, Armenians fled their ancestral homeland to be free of Turkish persecution and genocide. Armenia has been a free and proud country for thirty years; and

WHEREAS, Artsakh, a historic Armenian province, was liberated from Azerbaijan by Armenians in 1994 and has since maintained all the characteristics of a free country, despite continued attacks by Azerbaijan; and


WHEREAS, Turkey and Azerbaijan have attacked Artsakh and Armenia, targeting non-combatant civilians and threatening the security and sovereignty of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic (Artsakh) through hostile acts; and

WHEREAS, in April 2013, the County of Fresno became the first County in the State of California to officially recognize the independence of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic (Artsakh).

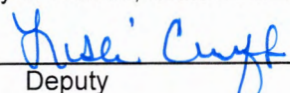
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby condemns the acts of violence against Artsakh and Armenia, and calls upon the United States Congress to support an immediate cease fire, and reaffirm its support for a free and independent Nagorno Karabakh Republic (Artsakh).

THE FOREGOING, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 3rd day of November, 2020, to-wit:

AYES:	Supervisors, Brandau, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAINED:	None


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 
Deputy