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

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-279** 

## IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING IN RECOGNITION OF THE ) CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIG GARDEN WOMAN'S CLUB)

WHEREAS, the Fig Garden Woman's Club was founded on March 9, 1921 by thirteen young women living on ranches northwest of the City of Fresno, "to cultivate the social and intellectual natures of the members, to encourage cooperation for the civic betterment of the district, and to act upon such other matters for the mutual benefit and betterment of the members of the community"; and

**WHEREAS,** the Fig Garden Woman's Club membership quickly grew, and its members fostered the importance of friendship and civic improvement in their community; and

WHEREAS, by 1926, the Fig Garden Woman's Club raised enough money to build their clubhouse located at 4550 North Van Ness Boulevard in Fig Garden through various activities including dress and apron making, social events, and by the sale of musical instruments. The land for the clubhouse was donated by Mr. J.C. Forkner; and

WHEREAS, the Fig Garden Woman's Club was founded with a mission of philanthropy towards the community, and historically provided charity for the "Old Folks Home", fundraised for student lunches, playground equipment and landscaping for the children of Bullard School, and providing food baskets to needy families at Christmas; and

WHEREAS, the Fig Garden Woman's Club has made donations to many valued community organizations including Crime Stoppers, Marjorie Mason Center, Fresno Art Museum, Boys & Girls Clubs of Fresno County, CASA, Central Valley Veterans, Girl Scouts of America, Salvation Army Gabelcrest House, Youth Orchestras of Fresno, FCC Ram Pantry, Junior Company Foundation, The Heart of the Horse Therapy Ranch, Breaking the Chains, and Valley Performing Arts Council; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, the Fig Garden Woman's Club further expanded their mission of service by providing three scholarships to Fresno City College. The Club continues these scholarships every year, providing \$8000 to Fresno City College nursing students; and

WHEREAS, today, the Fig Garden Woman's Club is a registered non-profit and a part of the California Federation of Women's Clubs. The Club boasts more than 175 women members who work together using their time and talents to support the growth and development of the community.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes the Fig Garden Woman's Club on the centennial of their founding, and thanks them for their charity towards the community and their mission of providing social and educational opportunities in Fresno County.

1 2 3 4 5	THE FOREGOING, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 5th day of October, 2021, to-wit:  AYES: Supervisors Brandau, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero NOES: None ABSENT: None ABSTAINED: None Steve Brandau, Chairman of the Board of
6	Supervisors of the County of Fresno
7	ATTEST: BERNICE E. SEIDEL Clerk of the Board of Supervisors County of Fresno, State of California
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