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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF FRESNO STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 21-306

IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER 2021 AS) "NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH" IN FRESNO COUNTY)

WHEREAS, National Adoption Month in November serves as an opportunity to bring awareness to the importance of adoption, which provides much needed homes for children in foster care. Every child deserves to be part of a permanent family in which they can thrive, in the security of unconditional love and a stable environment; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, there were 53,801 children in foster care in California, with approximately 2,200 of these children in Fresno County. Between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021 Fresno County finalized the adoption of 264 children; and

WHEREAS, the Fresno County Board of Supervisors wishes to recognize all private and public adoption agencies within Fresno County committed to finding adoptive homes for children in foster care and wishes to honor the dedicated families who have opened their hearts and homes to these children; and

WHEREAS, the Fresno County Board of Supervisors wishes to acknowledge the network of committed social workers, community service providers, and County agencies for their dedication and support to families and the adopted children in their homes; and

WHEREAS, National Adoption Month gives this community a chance to honor and commend the dedicated relatives, resource parents, adoptive families, social workers, County agencies, public and private adoption agencies, and community partners who have all worked together to ensure a better life for many of our County's children.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaim November 2021 as National Adoption Month in the County of Fresno and encourages caring adults to consider opening their hearts and homes to children in need.

THE FOREGOING, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 2nd day of November, 2021, to-wit:

AYES:

Supervisors Brandau, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero

NOES:

None

ABSENT:

None

ABSTAINED:

None

Steve Brandau, 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

Deputy Deputy