

1 **BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**
2 COUNTY OF FRESNO
3 STATE OF CALIFORNIA

4 **ADOPT RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DISPLAY THE NATIONAL MOTTO “IN GOD WE TRUST”**
5 **IN THE FRESNO CONTY CHAMBERS ON THE WALL ABOVE THE SEAL OF FRESNO COUNTY**

6 **WHEREAS**, on July 30, 1956, “In God We Trust” was declared as the National Motto of the
7 United States by the 84th Congress passing legislation and President Dwight D. Eisenhower signing
8 into law officially declaring In God We Trust to be the nation’s motto, which reflects a broad, historical
9 recognition of the Country’s heritage and civic values; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the sentiment, “In God We Trust,” has been an integral part of United States
11 society since its founding; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Declaration of Independence recognizes God, our Creator, as the source of our
13 rights; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the fourth verse of the national anthem of the United States, written by Francis
15 Scott Key on September 14, 1814, says, “Praise the power that hath made and preserved us as a
16 nation! And this be our motto – ‘In God We Trust’”; and

17 **WHEREAS**, since 1864, the United States currency is printed and it includes the words “In God
18 We Trust”; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the words “In God We Trust” appear over the entrance to the Senate Chamber and
20 above the Speaker’s rostrum in the House Chamber; and

21 **WHEREAS**, both in times of war and peace, the nation’s motto has been a profound source of
22 strength and guidance to many generations of Americans; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the Preamble of the Constitution of California provides, “We, the People of the
24 State of California, grateful to Almighty God for our freedom, in order to secure and perpetuate its
25 blessings, do establish this Constitution”; and

26 **WHEREAS**, the County of Fresno will join ten other Cities in Fresno County, 147 other Cities
27 and Counties in California, and 759 other Cities and Counties across America who adopted a resolution
28 to display our nation’s official motto, “In God We Trust” in a prominent location in the County Chambers
 above the seal of Fresno County; and

1 **WHEREAS**, President John F. Kennedy said, "The guiding principle and prayer of the Nation
2 has been, is now, and ever shall be In God We Trust".

3 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Fresno County Board of Supervisors as follows:

- 4 1. The Board of Supervisors reaffirms "In God We Trust" as the official motto of the United
5 States by adopting and implementing the public display of the national motto in the Fresno
6 County Board Chambers on the wall above the seal of Fresno County.

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8 **THE FOREGOING**, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of
9 Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 19th day of August 2025, to wit:

10 AYES:

11 NOES:

12 ABSENT:

13 ABSTAINED:

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16 Ernest Buddy Mendes, Chairman of the
17 Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno
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19 ATTEST:

20 Bernice E. Seidel

21 Clerk, Board of Supervisors
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23 By: _____

24 Deputy
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