

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, REAFFIRMING "IN GOD WE TRUST" AS THE OFFICIAL MOTTO OF THE UNITED STATES BY ADOPTING AND IMPLEMENTING THE PUBLIC DISPLAY OF THE NATIONAL MOTTO IN THE FRESNO CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON THE WALL BEHIND THE DAIS.

WHEREAS, "In God we trust" is the official motto of the United States and was established by a law passed by the 84th Congress and signed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower on July 30, 1956; and

WHEREAS, the sentiment, "In God we trust," has been an integral part of United States society since its founding; and

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

WHEREAS, the fourth verse of the national anthem of the United States, written by Francis Scott Key on September 14, 1814, says, "Praise the power that hath made and preserved us a nation! And this be our motto - 'In God is our trust'"; and

WHEREAS, our U.S. currency has had the words "In God We Trust" printed on it since 1864; and

WHEREAS, the words "In God We Trust" appear over the entrance to the Senate Chamber and above the Speaker's rostrum in the House Chamber; and

WHEREAS, both in times of war and peace, these words have been a profound source of strength and guidance to many generations of Americans; and

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

WHEREAS, Fresno will join seven other Cities in Fresno County, 131 other Cities and Counties in California, and 648 other Cities and Counties across America who adopted a resolution to display our national motto, "In God We Trust" in a prominent location in their Council Chambers; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Fresno as follows:

1. The Council reaffirms "In God We Trust" as the official motto of the United States by adopting and implementing the public display of the national motto in the Fresno City Council Chambers on the wall behind the dais.
2. The sole source of the funding for the implementation of this display shall come from private parties.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF FRESNO) ss.
CITY OF FRESNO)

I, YVONNE SPENCE, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, at a regular meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 2017.

AYES :
NOES :
ABSENT :
ABSTAIN :

Mayor Approval: _____, 2017
Mayor Approval/No Return: _____, 2017
Mayor Veto: _____, 2017
Council Override Vote: _____, 2017

YVONNE SPENCE, CMC
City Clerk

By: _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DOUGLAS T. SLOAN
City Attorney

By: _____ Date
Seth Mehrten
Deputy City Attorney

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