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**Child Abuse Prevention Month**

**COUNTY OF FRESNO**

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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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# **FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS VOTE TO SUPPORT THE REDUCING CRIME AND KEEPING CALIFORNIA SAFE ACT OF 2018**

In a unanimous vote taken at this morning's regularly scheduled meeting, the Fresno County Board of Supervisors voted 5-0 to adopt a resolution supporting the Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2018. The item was presented to the Board jointly by the District Attorney's Office and the Sheriff-Coroner's Office.

In adopting the resolution, the Board noted the recent unprecedented release of criminals from the state prison system due to a number of release programs such as Realignment, Proposition 36, Proposition 47, Proposition 57, Non-Violent Second Strike Release, Elderly Parole, and Expanded Youthful Offender Parole.

During the discussion it was noted that the Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2018 will fix three related problems created by some of these recent laws that have threatened the public safety of Californians and their children from violent criminals. This measure will:

- A. Reform the parole system so that violent felons are not released early from prison, strengthen oversight of post release community supervision and tighten penalties for violations of terms of post release community supervision;
- B. Reform theft laws to restore accountability for serial thieves and organized theft rings;  
and
- C. Expand DNA collection from persons convicted of drug, theft, and domestic violence related crimes to help solve violent crimes and exonerate the innocent.

Today's vote followed similar resolutions by the Fresno City Council on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and the Clovis City Council on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

For more information on the initiative, please visit [www.KeepCalSafe.org](http://www.KeepCalSafe.org).

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