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FRESNO, CA – On Thursday, May 11, 2017, the Fresno City Council unanimously passed a resolution proposed by Councilmember Garry Bredefeld to display our National Motto, “In God We Trust,” on the wall behind the dais in the Council Chambers with a 6-0 vote.

Many members of the Fresno County Republican Party Central Committee and allied organizations were in attendance at the public meeting to support the passage of the resolution. Fresno becomes the largest of the over 130 California cities to publicly display our National Motto.

“The Republican Party stands as a beacon for protecting the values upon which our great nation was founded,” stated Fresno County Republican Party Chairman Fred Vanderhoof. “Many of our Founding Fathers and other leaders have acknowledged the importance of relying on God. The courts throughout our country from appellate to Federal have confirmed that the phrase ‘In God We Trust’ as our National Motto does not conflict with any Constitutional principles or the separation of church and state because it is of a patriotic and historic nature and does not establish adherence to any single religion. We thank Councilman Bredefeld for bringing this resolution before the Council and the members of the public, both for and against the resolution, who came to participate in the public discussion and political process. We also thank each Councilmember for their thoughtful consideration and ultimate support and affirming vote to display ‘In God We Trust’ in the Council Chambers. In addition, we fully support the private funding of this display so no tax dollars are used.”