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## FRESNO CHAFFEE ZOO TO CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL VULTURE AWARENESS DAY ON SEPTEMBER 2

*Fresno, CA* –Fresno Chaffee Zoo staff are excited to invite guests to join the International Vulture Awareness Day celebration on Saturday, September 2 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Guests can enjoy photo opportunities, a keeper chat, a carcass feeding and more! This event is free with regular zoo admission.

Additionally, guests will have the opportunity to purchase a \$1 opportunity drawing ticket that will enter them to win a special, behind-the-scenes experience with the Zoo's birds! All proceeds from the drawing will be donated directly to the Peregrine Fund's California Condor Project. This conservation project has been on the leading edge of recovering this iconic American species.

The following statement was prepared by the Zoo's bird care team:

"Our team is so excited about International Vulture Awareness Day and the opportunity to tell people about how valuable and interesting these birds are! Today, 14 of the 23 vulture species that exist are either threatened or endangered so it's important for people to know that vultures have an important role in the world which benefits humans. We love these birds and can't wait for people to come to the Zoo and learn more about them!"

"Fresno Chaffee Zoo inspires wonder of our natural world, provides an engaging learning environment, and creates a passion for conservation."