

CITY OF FRESNO

Office of Councilmember Esmeralda Soria

Is hereby presented in honor of:

Youth Leadership Institute's 30th Year

WHEREAS, Youth Leadership Institute has helped nearly 100,000 youth from impacted communities of color across the State of California to find their voices, sharpen their leadership skills, and position them to make concrete changes on behalf of their communities; and

WHEREAS, Youth Leadership Institute has supported youth to connect with and take pride in their cultures and communities, affirm the many intersections of their identities, and draw on culturally appropriate healing practices to address their mental, spiritual and emotional wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, Youth Leadership Institute has provided the tools and resources for youth to conduct research that highlights both the needs and the strengths of their communities. Youth Leadership Institute has amplified youth stories that share their lived experiences and visions for a better world across a widening array of print and online platforms; and

WHEREAS, Youth Leadership Institute has partnered with youth to pass over 130 policies that center youth expertise and youth-led research, and address the urgent needs of their communities; and

WHEREAS, Youth Leadership Institute has shared the lessons learned from 30 years of working alongside youth with other organizations across the globe through its Training & Consulting Services in order to ensure that youth are genuinely and meaningfully engaged at all decision-making tables; and

WHEREAS, Youth Leadership Institute has committed to a lifelong process of growth and evolution in order to model its values both internally and externally. The YLI celebrates its 30th year of service in uplifting youth leaders;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the City of Fresno Mayor and City Council hereby proclaim November 4, 2021 to be:

“Youth Leadership Institute's 30th Year”

in the City of Fresno

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed the seal of the City of Fresno, California, this 4th day of November 2021.

ESMERALDA SORIA, Councilmember, District 1

MIKE KARBASSI, Councilmember, District 2

MIGUEL ARIAS, Councilmember, District 3

TYLER MAXWELL, Councilmember, District 4

LUIS CHAVEZ, Council President, District 5

GARRY BREDEFELD, Councilmember, District 6

NELSON ESPARZA, Council Vice President, District 7

JERRY DYER, Honorable Mayor