

CITY OF FRESNO

Office of Mayor Jerry Dyer

International Assistance Dog Week

WHEREAS, assistance dogs transform the lives of their human partners with physical and mental disabilities and serve as devoted companions, helpers, aides, best friends and close family members; and

WHEREAS, assistance dogs include service dogs, guide dogs, hearing alert dogs and alert/seizure response dogs, and;

WHEREAS, guide dogs assist people with vision loss, leading these individuals around physical obstacles and to destinations such as seating, crossing streets and entering or exiting doorways; and

WHEREAS, service dogs assist disabled people with walking, balance, dressing, transferring from place to place, retrieving and carrying items, opening doors and drawers, pushing buttons, pulling wheelchairs and aiding with household chores such as putting in and removing clothes from the washer and dryer; and

WHEREAS, hearing alert dogs alert people with a hearing loss to the presence of specific sounds such as doorbells, telephones, crying babies, sirens, another person, buzzing timers or sensors, knocks at the door as well as smoke, fire and clock alarms; and

WHEREAS, seizure alert/seizure response dogs alert or respond to medical conditions, such as heart attack, stroke, diabetes, epilepsy, panic attack, anxiety attack, post-traumatic stress and seizures; and

WHEREAS, medical alert/medical response dogs alert or respond to oncoming medical conditions, such as heart attack, stroke, diabetes, epilepsy, panic attack, anxiety attack, post-traumatic stress disorder; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno commits to respecting and celebrating assistance dogs and their partners.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Mayor Jerry Dyer, and members of the Fresno City Council, do hereby proclaim August 7-13, 2022, to be:

“International Assistance Dog Week”

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 11th day of August 2022.

JERRY DYER, Honorable Mayor

NELSON ESPARZA, Council President

ESMERALDA SORIA, Councilmember District 1

MIKE KARBASSI, Councilmember District 2

MIGUEL ARIAS, Councilmember District 3

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