

CITY OF FRESNO

Office of Council Vice President Esmeralda Soria



“Stephen W. Schilling Day”

WHEREAS, Stephen W. Schilling is a fifth-generation Californian who served in the Peace Corps in underdeveloped rural areas in South America and came back to California in 1973 began working for Clinica as Chief Fiscal Officer and is the reason why the organization is known as Clinica Sierra Vista today; and

WHEREAS, Stephen W. Schilling expanded Clinica's territory over three counties Kern, Fresno and Inyo- a territory so vast that Clinica can truly say it serves all of California's marginalized people: inner-city residents, those in rural and frontier communities, new immigrants, Dust Bowl migrants and their great-grandchildren, the homeless, veterans, the isolated- anyone, in Schilling's words, who is among “the least, the last and the lost.”; and

WHEREAS, Clinica Sierra Vista, today, serves 200,000 people in 75 locations and offers not only primary medical, dental, and behavioral health care, but also HIV/AIDS emotional and clinical support along with outreach for troubled children and teen moms; and

WHEREAS, Over five decades, the non-profit has been called upon time and again to rescue troubled health centers, to respond to natural disasters and take over worthy but failing community programs and services. Despite the risks involved Mr. Schilling says yes, as he did in Fresno in 2008, bringing into the Clinica fold a number of health centers on the verge of bankruptcy, saving access to care for thousands of Valley residents as well as jobs; and

WHEREAS, The City of Fresno is honored to recognize the life of Stephen W. Schilling and his dedication to providing quality health care services to Central Valley residents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Fresno Mayor and City Council does hereby proclaim January 11th, 2018 to be:

“Stephen W. Schilling Day”

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed the seal of the City of Fresno, California, this 11th day of January 2018.