

CITY OF FRESNO

Office of Mayor Jerry P. Dyer



WHEREAS, Matthew Grundy, a husband, father and dedicated public servant with an abiding faith in God, moved to Fresno in 2015 without knowing a soul, but trusting that God had guided him here; and

WHEREAS, at one time in life, Matthew found himself homeless, but was able to build from those challenging circumstances. He earned a Bachelor's Degree in business administration, with an emphasis in entrepreneurial studies, from the University of Southern California, and eventually worked as an organizational consultant, developer, and president of a national educational services company that focused on turning around failing public schools. Matthew's work helped improve K-12 academic outcomes for 250,000 low-income students in 1,000 schools across 16 states; and

WHEREAS, after serving as the Habitat for Humanity Greater Fresno Area's CEO, Matthew in January 2021 joined Mayor Dyer's administration as Deputy Mayor. Mayor Dyer assigned Matthew a series of demanding and complex tasks that he executed brilliantly. These included spearheading Mayor Dyer's One Fresno Housing Strategy, collaborating with staff to improve the City's planning and building outcomes, overseeing the successful Youth Jobs Corps program, helping revitalize Camp Fresno to serve underserved youth, and jump-starting the Office of Community Affairs, which serves the City's key constituent groups – multicultural and immigrant populations, faith-based, civic and human service, and others, including community benefit organizations; and

WHEREAS, as Vice-Chairman of the One Fresno Foundation, Matthew continues to work with Mayor Dyer and the Foundation board to provide scholarships to youth and sponsorships to youth-serving organizations; and

WHEREAS, Matthew's heart and soul went into supporting Mayor Dyer's One Fresno vision, and his deep love of giving back to the community, while remaining dedicated to his wife and family, is inspiring.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, Mayor Jerry Dyer and Members of the Fresno City Council, do hereby proclaim Thursday, August 10, 2023 to be:

“Matthew Grundy Day”

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 10th day of August 2023.

JERRY P. DYER, Honorable Mayor

TYLER MAXWELL, Council President

ANNALISA PEREA, Vice President

MIKE KARBASSI, Councilmember District 2

MIGUEL ARIAS, Councilmember District 3

LUIS CHAVEZ, Councilmember District 5

GARRY BREDEFELD, Councilmember District 6

NELSON ESPARZA, Council District 7