

# CITY OF FRESNO

## *Office of Councilmember Esmeralda Soria*

**Is hereby presented in honor of:**

## ***Arlene Medina***

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fresno is honoring Arlene Medina for her 25 years of service with the Fresno Police Department. Arlene is a public safety pioneer in the Fresno community and she has played an important role at the City, while advancing through the ranks of law enforcement. Her career with the Fresno Police Department began in 1997 in the Records Bureau; she then served as a Field Training Officer from 1997 until 2004 when she rose to become a Community Service Officer for the Northeast Policing District. Arlene joined the Police Activities League in 2007 and she then returned to the Gang Prevention Initiative in 2016. Since 2021, she has served as a Community Service Officer II for the Central Policing District; and

**WHEREAS**, Arlene has been a pioneer in the Mentoring Children of Prisoners program, working to prevent children of incarcerated individuals from repeating cycles of crime. She has been a leader in the Mayor's Gang Prevention Initiative to prevent young people from joining gangs, and the Tattoo Removal Program that helped former gang members remove their gang affiliated tattoos; and

**WHEREAS**, As a Community Service Officer II, Arlene has hosted and organized countless community events to connect neighborhoods with the Police Department that serves them. Arlene's successful events include Badges Building Bridges, annual community Thanksgiving Day dinners, and the M.A.G.E.C. 2017 Regional Gang Summit; and

**WHEREAS**, The two most prominent community events organized by Arlene have been the annual Halloween Trunk O Treat and the annual Santa's Village Christmas events. These events provided over 5,000 meals to families, and gave children safe spaces to enjoy holiday festivities. These events also served as vital community resource events, where families could receive assistance navigating public safety and social services. Arlene has worked tirelessly for the community both on and off the clock, building lasting relationships within communities throughout Fresno; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Fresno sincerely thanks you Arlene Medina for 25 years of dedicated service to the Fresno Police Department. Your commitment to public safety, love for the people of Fresno, and tireless community-building has helped improve the quality of life for everyone in our city.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Fresno Mayor and City Council congratulates Arlene Medina on her 25 years of service with the Fresno Police Department in the City of Fresno and hereby proclaim July 21<sup>st</sup> to be:

## ***“Arlene Medina 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of July 2022.

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ESMERALDA SORIA, Councilmember, District 1

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JERRY DYER, Honorable Mayor

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MIKE KARBASSI, Councilmember, District 2

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LUIS CHAVEZ, Councilmember, District 5

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MIGUEL ARIAS, Councilmember, District 3

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GARRY BREDEFELD, Councilmember, District 6

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TYLER MAXWELL, Council Vice President, District 4

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NELSON ESPARZA, Council President, District 7