

**FROM THE OFFICE OF  
MAYOR LEE BRAND**

**PROCLAMATION**

- WHEREAS,** Nora Laikam began her career as a Administrative Assistant with the Fresno County Waterworks Districts in November 1959 and promoted to Projects and Operations Manager in 1979; and
- WHEREAS,** Nora joined the City of Fresno's Water Division in January 1989 as a Management Analyst when the Fresno County Waterworks Districts merged with the City of Fresno; and
- WHEREAS,** in April 2004, Nora promoted to Water Conservation Supervisor and remained in the position until her recent retirement; and
- WHEREAS,** Nora has served the Fresno community through multiple leadership roles in a number of professional associations including the City of Fresno Planning Commission, Central Valley Water Awareness Committee, Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Council, Fresno Leadership Alumni Association, California Association of Leadership Programs, Shin Zen Garden and the American Lung Association; and
- WHEREAS,** Nora has provided wisdom, leadership, and planning while implementing the City of Fresno Water Conservation Program, including oversight of the Program's watering schedules, water use restrictions and enforcement; and
- WHEREAS,** Nora has been the face of the Water Conservation Education and Outreach Program, having spent countless hours at schools, community centers, and at annual events including the Fresno State Plant Exchange, the Big Fresno Fair, and the Fresno Home and Garden Shows; and
- WHEREAS,** with her length of service, knowledge, and cheery demeanor, Nora has earned the unofficial title of the "First Lady of Public Utilities"; and
- WHEREAS,** Nora's career in the water industry has spanned 60 years and she has no plans to stop contributing her passion for water issues to better our community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Mayor Lee Brand, do hereby proclaim February 14, 2019, to be:

**"NORA LAIKAM DAY"**

in the City of Fresno and extend my best wishes upon her retirement.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the City of Fresno, California, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019.

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**MAYOR LEE BRAND**