

CITY OF FRESNO

Office of Councilmember Tyler Maxwell

Hereby Recognizes:

Central Valley Honor Flight

WHEREAS, The Central Valley Honor Flight (CVHF) began in October 2013 with a mission to honor America’s World War II veterans by taking them to Washington, D.C. to visit the memorials created for them, and has since grown to include veterans of the Korean War and the Vietnam War, ensuring more of our heroes receive this honor; and

WHEREAS, thanks to the dedication of its Board, staff, and more than one thousand volunteers, along with the generosity of individuals, small businesses, service clubs, and the broader community, the Central Valley Honor Flight has raised millions of dollars and successfully completed more than thirty honor flights to Washington, D.C., each marked by moving send-offs and welcome-home celebrations; and

WHEREAS, for more than a decade, the Central Valley Honor Flight has made it possible for veterans to visit the memorials built in their honor, walking beside them every step of the way and surrounding them with the respect and gratitude of the community, making this journey deeply meaningful and healing; and

WHEREAS, these journeys give veterans the profound opportunity to honor their fallen comrades, remember their shared service, and pass on their stories and memories, helping keep their legacy alive for future generations and reminding us of our shared responsibility to uphold the ideals they fought to protect; and

WHEREAS, the volunteers of the Central Valley Honor Flight bring compassion, joy, and genuine care to each flight, lifting the spirits of our veterans and ensuring they are met with appreciation and heartfelt celebration throughout the experience; and

WHEREAS, through its devotion to our local heroes, the Central Valley Honor Flight has given them the gift of being seen, heard, and remembered, affirming their service and ensuring their courage and sacrifices will always hold a place in the heart of our community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, Mayor Jerry P. Dyer, and the Fresno City Council extend our deepest gratitude to the Central Valley Honor Flight and its devoted volunteers for the difference they continue to make in the lives of our Central Valley veterans, and do hereby proclaim Thursday, October 30th as:

“Central Valley Honor Flight Day” in the City of Fresno

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed the Great Seal of the City of Fresno, California, this 30th Day of October of the Year Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.

JERRY P. DYER, Honorable Mayor

TYLER MAXWELL, Councilmember, District 4

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