

# CITY OF FRESNO

*Office of Mayor Jerry Dyer & The Fresno City Council*

**WHEREAS**, Christopher Gabriel a native of Chicago, grew up the son of the man who opened the very first Ronald McDonald House in the world. His father taught him the importance of always finding ways to give to your community in any manner possible; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Gabriel is a classically trained actor. He did 105 productions in New York City, Detroit, Minneapolis and Great Britain. That side of him came from his mother, who was a gifted pianist and always stressed the importance of exploring the arts; and

**WHEREAS**, He began to feel burned out by theater and he needed a new creative challenge. His friend Mitch Albom got the ball rolling for him and nudged him strongly in the direction of talk radio. That was nearly 20 years ago; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Gabriel started in radio in Minneapolis as a call screener, then doing production and imaging. He also produced and co-hosted for Andrew Zimmern (of Bizarre Foods on the Travel Channel and hosting on the Food Network). Christopher eventually got a one-hour show on Saturdays called The Saturday Tabloid. The Show was about Sports and Stuff and that has been the content of his program his entire career; and

**WHEREAS**, It took 17 months and sending out 160 airchecks to 160 stations before Fargo, North Dakota offered him a contract in May of 2009. Christopher was there for 6 years. While there, his program was nominated for Best Radio Show in the Region three times and was the only talk show to get three consecutive nominations; and

**WHEREAS**, Christopher Gabriel has been at KMJ for three years hosting Fresno's Morning News and the Christopher Gabriel Program. This year at the 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Golden Mike Awards Christopher won for Best Sportscast, which was KMJ's first sports award in the 74-year history of the awards. He also won in the category for Best Newscast with Fresno's Morning News. Christopher Gabriel has now won three Golden Mike Awards over the past 13 months; and

**WHEREAS**, Christopher has been married to his wife Wendy for the last 30 years and they have two amazing daughters Caleigh and Cadence. He also has the gift of having his 92-year-old mother living with him so that he can make sure that she has nothing to be concerned about other than simply enjoying life.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we, Mayor Jerry Dyer and the Fresno City Council, do hereby honor and recognize you for your hard work and dedication to Journalism Excellence and proclaims Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> 2024 to be:

## “CHRISTOPHER GABRIEL DAY”

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have  
hereunto set our hands and affixed the  
Seal of The City of Fresno, California, this  
18<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024.

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MAYOR JERRY DYER

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