

CITY OF FRESNO

Office of Council President Mike Karbassi

***WHEREAS,** the Fresno Police and Fire Chaplaincy is committed to being among the first to serve, offering spiritual and emotional support to both first responders and the community;*

***WHEREAS,** for over 40 years, the Fresno Police and Fire Chaplaincy has demonstrated unwavering dedication to compassionate care, support, and spiritual guidance for first responders and victims of trauma;*

***WHEREAS,** volunteer chaplains work side by side with first responders, providing spiritual and emotional assistance during times of crisis, and helping to strengthen and uplift the community;*

***WHEREAS,** through group sessions, mentoring, and family support, the Fresno Police and Fire Chaplaincy’s Project STEALTH offers a vital youth support program for at-risk teens ages 13 to 17 in Fresno County, guiding them through life’s challenges and encouraging positive growth;*

***WHEREAS,** under the steady leadership of Chaplain Matt Markarian, the Fresno Police and Fire Chaplaincy and their team of nearly 50 volunteer chaplains, continues to grow and flourish, providing the community with comfort, strength and grace*

***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that we, Mayor Jerry Dyer and the Fresno City Council, do hereby recognize and commend the **Fresno Police and Fire Chaplaincy** for over 40 years of compassionate service, spiritual guidance, and unwavering support to our first responders and community.*

“Fresno Police and Fire Chaplain Appreciation Day”

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed the seal of the City of Fresno, California, this 16th day of October 2025.

JERRY DYER, Honorable Mayor

MIKE KARBASSI, Council President

MIGUEL ARIAS, Council Vice President

ANNALISA PEREA, Councilmember District 1

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NELSON ESPARZA, Councilmember District 7