

# CITY OF FRESNO

*Office of Mayor Lee Brand & The Fresno City Council*

**WHEREAS, PAUL MCLAIN-LUGOWSKI** for thirty-two years, has been employed with Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission (Fresno EOC), he has made a tremendous impact on the lives of residents of Fresno County, and has recently announced his retirement effective May 1, 2018; and

**WHEREAS,** Paul started his career at Fresno EOC as a Summer Youth Program Eligibility worker in 1986; and

**WHEREAS,** in 1992, Paul founded the Fresno EOC Sanctuary Youth Shelter, the only 24-hour self-referral shelter from Bakersfield to Stockton for runaway, homeless, exploited or displaced youth, currently in its twenty-sixth year of operation, and has helped save the lives of thousands of youth, by providing access points at over 266 Safe Place sites located in the Fresno area; and

**WHEREAS,** in 1993, Paul founded the Fresno EOC Local Conservation Corps (LCC), celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary in 2018, and is responsible for the training, education, and development of thousands of young adults, ages 18-25, during his tenure; and

**WHEREAS,** under Paul's guidance, the LCC became the first California Local Conservation program to operate a Youth Build program: and the LCC led the state and country in the Conservation Corps and Youth Build movement in reentry initiatives for formerly incarcerated young people, believing in their right to a second chance; and

**WHEREAS,** under Paul's leadership, the Local Conservation Corps expanded into a new, \$16 million, 60,000 square-foot training campus, the Reverend L. Swillis Neighborhood Youth Center (NYC), due to his belief that it was important that those under-served neighborhoods have a top-notch work and training environment; and

**WHEREAS,** in 2015 Paul McLain-Logowski was bestowed the honor of Corps Legacy Achievement Award Winner by the Corps Network, which leads and supports the work of over 130 of America's Service and Conservation Corps; and Whereas the Board of Commissioners of Fresno EOC has granted the honor of naming the Vocational Training Facility of the Local Conservation Corps in his honor, so future corps members attending the program will have direct link to his legacy; and

**WHEREAS,** Paul most recently served in the capacity of Chief Innovations Officer, overseeing the Planning and Resource Department, and having secured over 320 million dollars in grant money for the agency and those it serves; and Whereas we will continue to be forever grateful to Paul for all his hard work and dedicated efforts in securing a better future for our community over the last thirty-two years.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that we, Mayor Lee Brand and Fresno City Council Members, do hereby proclaim Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 to be:

## **“Paul McLain-Lugowski 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018.

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MAYOR LEE BRAND

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT ESMERALDA SORIA

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