

**FROM THE OFFICE OF
MAYOR ASHLEY SWEARENGIN**

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** Richard A. Johanson was born in Fresno on December 17, 1925. He attended Fresno Unified Schools and graduated from Roosevelt High School; and
- WHEREAS,** Mr. Johanson earned an A.A. Degree from Reedley College, a B.B.A. Degree from the Armstrong School of Business in Berkeley, and holds an Honorary Doctorate Degree from California State University, Fresno; and
- WHEREAS,** from 1943 to 1946, Mr. Johanson served in World War II with the United States Marine Corps in the Pacific Theatre and in China; and
- WHEREAS,** Mr. Johanson worked as Assistant Traffic Manager & Assistant Plant Superintendent at Sun-Maid Raisins Growers from 1948-1952, then at California Trucking Exchange from 1953-1971, holding the position of General Manager from 1965-1971; and
- WHEREAS,** in 1971, Mr. Johanson founded Johanson Transportation Service (JTS) in Fresno with a staff of four people crowded into a small rented office at a local truck stop. JTS has now grown to employ over 90 employees nationwide; and
- WHEREAS,** Mr. Johanson has given of his time by serving on numerous boards, including the Fresno Business Council, Fresno Chamber of Commerce, Center for Advanced Research & Technology (CART), Rotary Club of Fresno, Fresno Leadership Foundation, and Community Hospitals of Central California Foundation, among others; and
- WHEREAS,** Mr. Johanson has been the recipient of various awards in recognition of his service in our community, including the Fresno Teachers Association "Friend of Education" Award in 1999, the Leon S. Peters Award in 1996, the United Way's George Osborne Award in 1992, and the "Outstanding Philanthropist" award from the NSFRE, Central Valley Chapter; and
- WHEREAS,** Mr. Johanson is highly respected in the Fresno community and today we celebrate him upon the occasion of his 90th birthday.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Mayor Ashley Swearengin, do hereby proclaim December 17, 2015, to be:

"RICHARD A. JOHANSON DAY"

in the City of Fresno and send my best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable birthday.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the City of Fresno, California, this 17th day of December, 2015.

MAYOR ASHLEY SWEARENGIN