

CITY OF FRESNO

Office of Councilmembers Karbassi & Arias

WHEREAS, *a graduate from Fresno State’s journalism school, Hanford native John Walker has spent over three decades covering the Central Valley in his career that spans over four decades; and*

WHEREAS, *in his long tenure in photojournalism, John’s work has been reviewed nationally in Time magazine, Newsweek and Sports Illustrated. John’s national recognition continued receiving several awards with the National Photographers Press Association throughout his career; and*

WHEREAS, *John began his career with the Mesa Tribune in Arizona which utilized his work and helped hone his photography skill. After five years in Arizona, John joined one of his photography idols in Ryan Miles Marty at the Fresno Bee in 1985; and*

WHEREAS, *since 1985, John’s coverage of the Central Valley, the nation, and even trips abroad have captured timeless moments throughout history. With a career spanning over seven presidencies and decades of technological advances, John’s mission remained the same: capture moments that communicate across language, culture, other barriers, and evoke a range of emotions; and*

WHEREAS, *the Central Valley and the Fresno Bee has been honored to view John’s work over the past thirty years and wish him great health in retirement.*

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, *that we, Mayor Jerry Dyer and Fresno City Councilmembers do hereby recognize:*

“John Walker 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 21st day of April 2022.

JERRY DYER, Honorable Mayor

ESMERALDA SORIA, Councilmember District 1

MIKE KARBASSI, Councilmember District 2

MIGUEL ARIAS, Councilmember District 3

TYLER MAXWELL, Council Vice President

LUIS CHAVEZ, Councilmember District 5

GARRY BREDEFELD, Councilmember District 6

NELSON ESPARZA, Council President