



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla became the father of Mexican Independence with a historic proclamation which urged his fellow Mexicans to take up arms against the Spanish Government ; and

WHEREAS, On September 16, 1810 the '*Cry of Dolores*' was heard from a small town in Guanajuato, Mexico and marked the beginning of the declaration of war against the colonial government and the fight of the independence of Mexico which ended the 300 years of colonial rule on September 28, 1821 ; and

WHEREAS, The City of Fresno is home to about 520,000 people having 49.6% being of Hispanic or Latino origin and a high percentage of those being of Mexican decent who with their unique identity form part of the overall identity of the City of Fresno ; and

WHEREAS, The Consulate of Mexico serves as a connection and resource to many residents in the Central Valley and work tirelessly to keep strong ties between our city, many surrounding areas, and the country of Mexico ; and

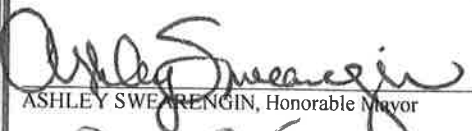
WHEREAS, The Consulate of Mexico in Fresno not only provides services related to passports, visas, etc., but also provides valuable resources for Mexican nationals living in our city, and can be of assistance to victims of crime as well as provide information about the U.S. legal systems for those who have been victims of criminal or civil law violations, and assists with legal representation and medical services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, Mayor Ashley Swearengin, and Council of the City of Fresno do hereby support the Consulate of Mexico in their celebration of the Independence of Mexico and all of the contributions of the Mexican people to our city and do hereby recognize the:

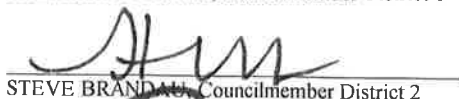
INDEPENDENCE OF MEXICO 206TH ANNIVERSARY ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2016

IN WITNESS WHEREOF,

We have hereunto set our hands and affixed
the Seal of the City of Fresno, California,
this 15th day of September 2016.



ASHLEY SWEARENGIN, Honorable Mayor



ESMERALDA SORIA, Councilmember District 1


STEVE BRAND, Councilmember District 2


OLIVER L. BAINES, III, Councilmember District 3




PAUL CAPRIOGLIO, Council President District 4


SAL QUINTERO, Council Vice President District 5


LEE BRAND, Councilmember District 6


CLINT OLIVIER, Councilmember District 7