

# CITY OF FRESNO

*Office of Council President Tyler Maxwell*

Hereby Recognizes:

## *Valley Animal Center's*

### *Dr. James W. Thornton Dog Park 10<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary*

**WHEREAS**, The Valley Animal Center's Dr. James W. Thornton Dog Park is a membership-based dog park where members can bring their dogs to play, socialize, and have fun; and

**WHEREAS**, The Dr. James W. Thornton Dog Park officially opened on September 7, 2013, and this year is celebrating its **10<sup>th</sup> Year anniversary**. Today, the park serves dog owners throughout Fresno and offers – daily, monthly, and annual memberships; and

**WHEREAS**, The Dr. James W. Thornton Dog Park is a no-breed restricted dog park that features amenities such as a 2,000-gallon canine wading pool, an agility course, and a canine-specific grass landscape to optimize the amount of exercise and socialization between canine friends; and

**WHEREAS**, All staff at Valley Animal Center take pride in the Dr. James W. Thornton Dog Park, as it is regarded as one of the safest dog parks in the Central Valley. The park promotes responsible pet ownership through safety precautions such as requiring up-to-date vaccinations, requiring canines to be spayed or neutered, and a temperament check canines must pass; and

**WHEREAS**, The Dr. James W. Thornton Dog Park also serves as a venue to host fundraising events throughout the year to raise funds for the Valley Animal Center operations to best serve the non-profit organization's mission to unite dogs and cats with loving people; and

**WHEREAS**, The Dr. James W. Thornton Dog Park contributes greatly to the Valley Animal Center's vision as a resource for the health and well-being of companion animals.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, Mayor Jerry P. Dyer, and the Fresno City Council, do hereby proclaim September 14, 2023, in the City of Fresno as:

## *"Dr. James W. Thornton Dog Park Day"*

**in the City of Fresno**

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed the Great Seal of the City of Fresno, California, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September of the Year Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.*

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**JERRY P. DYER**, Honorable Mayor

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**TYLER MAXWELL**, Council President

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**ANNALISA PEREA**, Council Vice President

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**MIKE KARBASSI**, Councilmember, District 2

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**MIGUEL ARIAS**, Councilmember, District 3

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**LUIS CHAVEZ**, Councilmember, District 5

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**GARRY BREDEFELD**, Councilmember, District 6

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**NELSON ESPARZA**, Councilmember, District 7