

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, NAMING THE COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING AT DICKEY YOUTH CENTER AFTER ALFONSO HERNANDEZ, FOUNDER OF THE CHICANO YOUTH CENTER

WHEREAS, Alfonso Hernandez was a social activist and leader who spent 40 years helping low-income, at-risk youth in Fresno; and

WHEREAS, Hernandez was born and raised in west Fresno, attending Central Union High School, Fresno City College, and Fresno State, where he received bachelors and masters degrees in social work; and

WHEREAS, Hernandez was deeply committed to his community, establishing more than 45 MEChA clubs, a student organization that promotes Chicano unity and empowerment, and forming Trabajadores de la Raza, another Chicano student organization; and

WHEREAS, Hernandez founded the Chicano Youth Center in 1977 to provide young Latino gang members an opportunity to participate in organized sports activities and develop leadership skills; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, Hernandez partnered with the City's Parks, After-School, Recreation and Community Services Department to establish funding to build the current 12,000 square-foot Dickey Youth Development Center, a flagship facility where City youth programs and non-profits come together to serve the community; and

WHEREAS, the Center provides programs to neighborhood youth in the areas of computer literacy, health and fitness, juvenile delinquency prevention, nutrition, science, tutoring, employment, and leadership development; and

WHEREAS, Hernandez fought for social justice and equity, and has provided a lasting legacy to the citizens of Fresno; and

WHEREAS, the Council has the ability to name public facilities pursuant to Fresno Municipal Code section 5-101, and finds it necessary and appropriate to name the community center building at Dickey Youth Development Center after Alfonso Hernandez.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Fresno as follows:

1. The community center building at Dickey Youth Development Center shall hereafter be named the "Alfonso Hernandez Youth and Community Center at Dickey Park."

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF FRESNO) ss.
CITY OF FRESNO)

I, YVONNE SPENCE, CMC, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, at a regular meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 2015.

AYES :
NOES :
ABSENT :
ABSTAIN :

Mayor Approval: _____, 2015
Mayor Approval/No Return: _____, 2015
Mayor Veto: _____, 2015
Council Override Vote: _____, 2015

YVONNE SPENCE, CMC
City Clerk

By: _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DOUGLAS T. SLOAN
City Attorney

By: _____
Katherine B. Doerr Date
Assistant City Attorney