

CITY OF FRESNO

Office of Councilmember Karbassi & FUSD Trustee Wittrup

WHEREAS, Children and youth learn best when they are healthy, supported, and receive an education that enables them to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally; and

WHEREAS, Schools can more effectively ensure that all students are able to learn when they meet the needs of the whole child and provide integrated, multitiered supports; and

WHEREAS, Children’s mental health is directly linked to their learning and development, and the learning environment provides an optimal context to promote good mental health through connectedness within the school and community; and

WHEREAS, Positive educational and social outcomes for all children and youth are possible only in a society—and schools within it—that affirm and value the diversity of each child; and

WHEREAS, School psychologists take steps to foster a school climate that is supportive, inclusive, safe, accepting, and respectful toward all persons; and

WHEREAS, Sound psychological principles are integral to instruction and learning, school safety, social and emotional development, prevention, early intervention, and support of culturally diverse student populations; and

WHEREAS, School psychology has more than 60 years of well established, widely recognized, and highly effective practice and standards that are clearly articulated in NASP’s “Model for Comprehensive and Integrated School Psychological Services”; and

WHEREAS, School psychologists are specially trained to foster and deliver, in the school and community, a continuum of mental health services and academic supports that lower barriers to teaching and learning; and

WHEREAS, School psychologists help children thrive by nurturing their individual strengths across both personal and academic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, School psychologists are trained to assess student and school-based barriers to learning and individual strengths, utilize data-based decision-making, implement research-driven prevention and intervention strategies, and evaluate outcomes and improve accountability; and

WHEREAS, The City of Fresno should recognize the vital role that school psychologists play in the personal and academic development of our city’s children.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, Mayor Jerry Dyer and the Fresno City Council, do hereby recognize the month of November 2023 to be:

“School Psychology Month”

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 16th day of November 2023.

JERRY P. DYER, Honorable Mayor

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