

CITY OF FRESNO

Office of Mayor Jerry P. Dyer

Proclamation

In Recognition of Dr. Joy J. Goto

WHEREAS, on August 8, 2024, Dr. Joy J. Goto was appointed the new Honorary Consul of Japan in Fresno, succeeding retired Judge Dale Ikeda, who was the first to serve in the position, which was created in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Goto is a Fresno native, graduating from Edison High School. Her father was a second-generation Japanese-American born in the Central California coastal town of Guadalupe. As a 12-year old during World War II, he spent time in the Japanese-American incarceration campus of Gila River and Tule Lake and later served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Her mother was a native of Japan and experienced the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, living about 10 miles from the epicenter; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Goto subsequently earned a B.S. in Chemistry from UC Davis and a Ph.D. in Chemistry from UCLA. She did postdoctoral work at Harvard Medical School, which focused on Alzheimer's disease. With extensive experience in bioinorganic chemistry and neuroscience, Dr. Goto has an expertise in neurodegenerative diseases, oxidative stress and mental homeostasis; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, she returned home to be a chemistry professor at Fresno State, and currently serves as the interim dean of the Division of Research and Graduate Studies, where she leads a division of about 25 staff members; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Goto has long been active in Fresno's Japanese community and in her new role will continue building connections between the City of Fresno and Japan, including our Sister City, Kochi; and

WHEREAS, a Fresno success story, Dr. Goto is another in a long line of local residents who have made positive contributions to society. We welcome her as the newest Honorary Consul of Japan in Fresno.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, Mayor Jerry Dyer and Members of the Fresno City Council, do hereby proclaim Thursday, October 31st, 2024, to be:

“Dr. Joy J. Goto 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 31st day of October 2024.


JERRY P. DYER, Honorable Mayor


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