

CITY OF FRESNO

Offices of Mayor Jerry P. Dyer and Councilmember Brandon Vang



In Honor of Andrea Andrade

WHEREAS, *Andrea Andrade won five beauty pageants, competed for the Miss California crown, and started a program to help children and their families deal with challenging medical diagnoses – all while battling cancer; and*

WHEREAS, *after nearly a decade battling cancer – which included various cancer treatments – Andrea on January 16 passed. She was just 35. Andrea believed God gives the toughest battles to the strongest warriors and Andrea was a strong warrior. She didn't let cancer define her life, she lived every day to the fullest; and*

WHEREAS, *Andrea's battle began in 2017 when she was diagnosed with stage 3 colon cancer and underwent colorectal surgery to remove the tumor. This did not stop her from competing in a beauty contest while undergoing follow-up treatment and a chemotherapy port in her chest; and*

WHEREAS, *after being in remission for roughly two years, the cancer returned, this time stage 4 and in her reproductive system. Andrea was determined to exceed the doctors' original prognosis of only six months to two years to live; and*

WHEREAS, *while undergoing various cancer treatments in her final years, Andrea and her husband, Chris Wilson, opened a business together promoting concerts and events. They also started a music education program to help students learn to play instruments, sing, dance, produce music and perform. Through all this, she was open about her battle with cancer in hopes of inspiring others. Andrea used her platform to tell her story as a way to bring awareness about early screenings; and*

WHEREAS, *her most impactful program was "Not All Heroes Wear Capes," where she visited children's cancer wards and also brought these patients and their families to Fresno Grizzlies baseball games. For numerous years, the Fresno Grizzlies held "Not all Heroes Wear Capes" nights to recognize and honor children battling cancer; and*

WHEREAS, *Andrea loved her family over everything. "My family gives me reason. They give me strength, and lots of will to live!"*

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED *that we, Mayor Jerry Dyer and Members of the Fresno City Council, do hereby proclaim Thursday, February 26, 2026, to be:*

"Andrea Andrade 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 26th day of February 2026.

JERRY P. DYER, Honorable Mayor

MIKE KARBASSI, Council President

NELSON ESPARZA, Council Vice President

ANNALISA PEREA, Councilmember District 1

MIGUEL ARIAS, Councilmember District 3

TYLER MAXWELL, Councilmember District 4

BRANDON VANG, Councilmember District 5

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