

CITY OF FRESNO

Office of Councilmember Mike Karbassi

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 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 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 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 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, *Fresno, California, 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, *Mayor Jerry Dyer and the Fresno City Council do hereby recognize:*

“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 1st day of September 2022.

JERRY DYER, *Honorable Mayor*

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