

CITY OF FRESNO

Office of Council President Esmeralda Soria

“Fresno Rainbow Pride Parade Day”

WHEREAS, *The 28th Annual Fresno Pride Parade is held in the City of Fresno on Saturday, June 2, 2018 and invites people from all over Fresno County and the Central Valley to participate in the 2018 Fresno Rainbow Pride Festival where the activities are provided to educate, celebrate and commemorate each other and the rich diversity of our community; and*

WHEREAS, *One of our nation’s greatest strengths is the rich diversity of its people such as our lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans who form an important part of this national tapestry and who have contributed to every facet of our society yet still continue to be marginalized, discriminated against and physically and emotionally attacked for being who they are; and*

WHEREAS, *The City of Fresno recognizes that its entire diverse population should have equal rights and will speak against any oppression and discrimination which diminishes the quality of life for any City of Fresno resident or visitor, including those in its lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community; and*

WHEREAS, *Pride originally began as a result of the riots at Stonewall Inn in 1969 when the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community desired better representation and a day to celebrate and recognize their own culture, a tradition that continues through this proclaimed day; and*

WHEREAS, *It is the duty of all of Fresno to advocate for those who experience hardship as a result of discrimination and inequality, because it is only through a community’s unity that we overcome injustice towards all groups of people.*

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, *that the City of Fresno Mayor and City Council does hereby proclaim June 2, 2018 as:*

“Fresno Rainbow Pride Parade 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 24th day of May 2018.

LEE BRAND, *Honorable Mayor*

ESMERALDA SORIA, *Council President*

STEVE BRANDAU, *Council Vice President District 2*

OLIVER BAINES III, *Councilmember District 3*

PAUL CAPRIOGLIO, *Councilmember District 4*

LUIS CHAVEZ, *Councilmember District 5*

GARRY BREDEFELD, *Councilmember District 6*

CLINT OLIVIER, *Councilmember District 7*