

WHEREAS, Thomas “Tommy” Esqueda, after serving nearly four years as the Director of the Department of Public Utilities (DPU) of the City of Fresno, will be moving on to become California State University, Fresno’s inaugural Associate Vice President in Water and Sustainability; and

WHEREAS, Tommy, a Sanger native, received a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering with a minor in Humanities from California State University, San Jose; and

WHEREAS, Tommy’s reputation for hard work and attention to detail resulted in his promotion to Director of DPU in June of 2014, where he was charged with overseeing a great number of City of Fresno projects, notably including the crucial Recharge Fresno initiative designed to revitalize the City’s water infrastructure so as to increase drought resistance; and

WHEREAS, he worked tirelessly, without taking a day off, and at times, very little sleep, during the major undertaking of the water projects to ensure that the work was done expeditiously and under budget; and

WHEREAS, at Fresno State, Tommy will head the development and implementation of water sustainability programs, as well as aid existing institutions such as the International Center for Water Technology (ICWT), the Water and Energy Technology (WET) Center, and the Center for Irrigation Technology (CIT); and

WHEREAS, the people of Fresno owe Tommy a debt of gratitude for his dedication and tireless efforts on behalf of our community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, Mayor Lee Brand and the Fresno City Councilmembers, our employees and our community express our deepest appreciation for his four years of excellence in public service and wish him the best as he embarks on a new journey;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we, Mayor Lee Brand and the Fresno City Councilmembers, do hereby proclaim Thursday, April 5, 2018 to be:

“Tommy Esqueda 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 5th day of April 2018.

LEE BRAND, Honorable Mayor

ESMERALDA SORIA, Council President

STEVE BRANDAU, Council Vice President

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