

CITY OF FRESNO

Office of Councilmember Annalisa Perea

WHEREAS, the Justin Garza High School Swim and Dive Team has made history in 2025 by capturing its first-ever Swim and Dive League Championship in school and district history; and

WHEREAS, both the Girls and Boys Swim and Dive Teams earned the coveted 2025 North Yosemite League (NYL) titles, showcasing dominance and determination throughout the season; and

WHEREAS, the team secured an astonishing 17 combined individual and relay first-place finishes, including three podium sweeps at the NYL Championships—an extraordinary display of athletic excellence, teamwork, and perseverance; and

WHEREAS, Lucas Kaercher made history as the district’s first-ever State Qualifier in Swim and Dive, and was crowned the CIF Paralympic 50 Freestyle Champion, a groundbreaking accomplishment that serves as an inspiration for athletes across Central California; and

WHEREAS, standout athletes Amelie Sanchez and Christian Bustos were named the 2025 NYL Girls and Boys Swimmers of the Year, respectively, further highlighting the exceptional talent and dedication within the program; and

WHEREAS, the team’s success was made possible under the outstanding leadership of 2025 NYL Coach of the Year Matthew Boogaard, supported by a committed coaching staff including Jose Aguilar, Yadira Estrada, Megan Boogaard, Adam Dennie, Dana Davis, Gianna Rossi Hill, Justin Butler, and Christopher Steiner; and

WHEREAS, since its establishment in the Fall of 2021, the Justin Garza Swim and Dive Team has rapidly risen to prominence, setting new standards for athletic excellence and school spirit in just a few short season.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, Councilmember Annalisa Perea, Mayor Jerry P. Dyer, and the Fresno City Councilmembers, proudly recognizes and commend the Justin Garza High School Swim and Dive Team for an unforgettable 2025 season marked by historic accomplishments, individual excellence, and team triumph, and extend our heartfelt congratulations for their legacy-making achievement as NYL League Champions and extends its gratitude and congratulations to all those who contributed to this season’s success and do hereby proclaim Thursday, May 22, 2025 as:

“Justin Garza High School Swim and Dive League Championship Day”

in the City of Fresno.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed the Great Seal of the City of Fresno, California, on this 22nd day of May 2025.

JERRY P. DYER, Honorable Mayor

ANNALISA PEREA, Councilmember District 1

MIKE KARBASSI, Council President District 2

MIGUEL ARIAS, Council Vice President District 3

TYLER MAXWELL, Councilmember District 4

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