

WHEREAS, Marek Warszawski, a Bay Area native and graduate of the University of California, Davis, has spent his career committed to the core values of journalism, truth, accountability, and public service while bringing variation, humor, and heart to every story he told; and

WHEREAS, Marek has served as a bold voice in Central Valley journalism for over 25 years, beginning his tenure at The Fresno Bee in 1998 and becoming one of the region's most respected and widely read columnists; and

WHEREAS, Marek's columns have addressed some of the Central Valley's pressing issues, elevated the stories of everyday residents, exposed injustice, highlighted long-standing environmental and equity concerns, celebrated progress, and challenged civic leaders to do better, all with a unique voice that readers have trusted for decades; and

WHEREAS, his work has resonated deeply with the community, including his emotional column, "When my cat reached the end, Fresno-based mobile veterinarians provide in-home comfort," touching the hearts of readers with its vulnerability and grace; and

WHEREAS, his thoughtful analysis in "Fresno's parks are slowly turning the corner" provided hope and reflection on the city's evolving investment in public spaces, capturing the shared desire for a better quality of life in every neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Marek's retirement marks the end of a remarkable chapter in local journalism, but his influence will continue to be felt in every civic conversation he helped shape, every policy he helped scrutinize, and every reader he inspired to care a little more about their city; and

WHEREAS, Marek Warszawski has set a high standard for what it means to be a journalist in Fresno, fearless, fair, and fiercely rooted in community; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, Mayor Jerry P. Dyer and the Fresno City Council, do hereby proclaim August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025, to be:

"Marek Warszawski 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 the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August 2025.