

# CITY OF FRESNO

*Office of Council Vice President Miguel Angel Arias*

**WHEREAS**, Arts, Culture, and Creativity Month, observed annually in April, is a statewide celebration established by the California Legislature in 2019 to recognize the essential role that Arts and Culture play in fostering vibrant, inclusive, and prosperous communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the arts play a vital role in enhancing our HEALTH by reducing depression, lowering stress hormones, and promoting longevity through consistent engagement in creative and cultural activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the arts nurture HOPE by fostering a sense of community and personal fulfillment, inspiring optimism, resilience, and a shared vision for a brighter future; and

**WHEREAS**, the arts contribute to HEALING by providing therapeutic experiences that restore well-being, strengthen mental and physical health, and support emotional recovery; and

**WHEREAS**, creativity fuels innovation, drives growth, and inspires meaningful progress, shaping a more vibrant and dynamic society; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fresno acknowledges that arts, culture, and creativity are fundamental to the well-being of our community, and is committed to promoting and supporting arts and culture organizations while ensuring equitable access to artistic and cultural opportunities for all residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fresno Arts Council has been instrumental in leading efforts to promote and support the arts through dynamic programs, strategic partnerships, and initiatives that uplift local artists and organizations while ensuring access to arts and cultural opportunities for all residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fresno values its collaboration with the Fresno Arts Council and state-level arts organizations, including California for the Arts and the California Arts Council, to advance cultural equity, artistic expression, and creative empowerment within our community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Fresno City Council and Mayor Jerry Dyer, in recognition of the profound contributions of arts, culture, and creativity to the enrichment of our community, do hereby proclaim April 2025 as:

## Arts, Culture, and Creativity Month

*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 10<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025.

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JERRY P. DYER, Honorable Mayor

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MIKE KARBASSI, Council President, District 2

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MIGUEL A. ARIAS, Council Vice President, District 3

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ANNALISA PEREA, Councilmember, District 1

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TYLER MAXWELL, Councilmember, District 4

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NICK RICHARDSON, Councilmember, District 6

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NELSON ESPARZA, Councilmember, District 7