

CITY OF FRESNO

Office of Mayor Lee Brand & The Fresno City Council

WHEREAS, free tax preparation services are now available through April 16, 2018 to residents of the City of Fresno who earned \$66,000 or less in the 2017 tax year provided by the United Way of Fresno and Madera Counties Free Tax Preparation Service (VITA), and,

WHEREAS, these working families and individuals may be eligible for thousands of dollars in tax returns, including the California Earned Income Tax Credit (CalEITC), the Federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and the Federal Child Tax Credit (CTC), and,

WHEREAS, Citi Community Development invested \$2.6 million to support efforts to expand awareness, access and capacity of Free Tax Preparation Service (VITA) sites during the 2018 tax season in major cities and regions across the country including Fresno, and,

WHEREAS, Earned Income Tax Credits are often the largest cash infusion workers will receive all year, providing an essential financial cushion for those households living paycheck-to-paycheck. The investment Citi is making today will ensure that eligible families will have access to free, high quality tax preparation services, and the full roster of tax credits they have earned," and,

WHEREAS, the United Way Free Tax Preparation services in the 2016 tax year returned more than \$10 million dollars to local taxpayers to be used for families and individuals to help make ends meet, and,

WHEREAS, the United Way Free Tax Preparation services are being provided at eight sites throughout Fresno and Madera counties including mobile sites in the rural communities, and specifically 6 sites in the City of Fresno, at the United Way Fresno Madera Counties office Tuesday through Saturday, at Fresno State University Friday to Sunday, at Westside Church of God on Wednesdays, at St. Rest Baptist Church on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, at Roosevelt High School on Saturdays and at Central California Legal Services Monday through Friday, and,

WHEREAS, taxpayers are able to call 2-1-1 or 866-559-4211 to find out if they qualify and to schedule an appointment, and,

WHEREAS, residents have an alternative option to file for free on their own by visiting www.myfreetaxes.org, now, therefore, be it resolved

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, Mayor Lee Brand and the Fresno City Council, do hereby proclaim February 15, 2018, to be:

"UNITED WAY OF FRESNO & MADERA COUNTY 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 15th day of February 2018.*

LEE BRAND, Mayor

ESMERALDA SORIA, Council President

STEVE BRANDAU, Council Vice President

OLIVER L. BAINES, III, Councilmember

PAUL CAPRIOGLIO, Councilmember

LUIS CHAVEZ, Councilmember

GARRY BREDEFELD, Councilmember

CLINT OLIVIER, Councilmember