

CITY OF FRESNO

Offices of Mayor Brand and Councilmembers Caprioglio, Brandau and Chavez

WHEREAS, José Carlos Ramírez is one of Central California's native sons, born and raised in Avenal, California on August 12, 1992 into a family of immigrants; and

WHEREAS, while working in the fields as a young man with his family, José fell in love with the sport of boxing, training tirelessly to become the fighter he is today. As an amateur, José became the 2008 and 2009 Junior Olympic National Champion and the 2010 and 2011 USA Boxing National Champion; and

WHEREAS, while studying at California State University, Fresno and working a part-time job, José affirmed his status as a boxing prodigy at the 2012 US Olympic Boxing Trials, earning him the prestigious honor of representing the United States at the 2012 Summer Olympics in London, England in the lightweight division; and

WHEREAS, José's reputation as an opponent to be feared only grew after he turned professional in 2012, achieving a flawless record of 21-0 with 16 knockouts before claiming the World Boxing Council (WBC) Super Lightweight Title with a victory over Amir Imam at Madison Square Garden on March 17, 2018; and

WHEREAS, José has used his fame and stature in the boxing world to raise awareness of the hardships of his community. José's "Fight for Water" has brought much needed attention to the plight of the agricultural workers who have long suffered from California's ongoing water crisis. As a member of the California Latino Water Coalition, José works tirelessly to find solutions and provide water to Central California laborers in need; and

WHEREAS, despite only being 25 years of age, José Ramírez has brought national attention to Central California through his boxing accomplishments. José's seemingly endless competitive spirit and empathy for his community makes him a perfect ambassador to the rest of the US and the world on our behalf.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Mayor Lee Brand and the Fresno City Councilmembers, do hereby encourage all Californians to congratulate our WORLD CHAMP and thank him for all of his hard work. You are truly an exemplary role model to all of the residents of Central California.

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

"José Ramírez 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.