

# CITY OF FRESNO

*Office of Council President Paul Caprioglio*

**WHEREAS**, each year the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) celebrates, connects, and empowers service members, veterans and military spouse entrepreneurs during National Veterans Small Business Week (NVSBW); and

**WHEREAS**, NVSBW raises awareness of veteran business ownership and encourages communities to support their veteran and military owned businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, National Veterans Small Business Week is an annual renewal of the national commitment to veteran business ownership, showcasing its positive impact in the U.S. economy, and highlighting the challenges faced by veteran entrepreneurs; and

**WHEREAS**, transitioning service members looking to start a business can obtain assistance from a Veterans Business Outreach Center or Boots to Business training course; and

**WHEREAS**, SBA and its resource partners empower veterans including women veterans, active duty service members, National Guard and Reserve members, and military spouses with entrepreneurial training, tools, and resources; and

**WHEREAS**, acquiring capital to fund new business ventures is one of the biggest challenges facing service members, veterans, and military spouses beginning their entrepreneurial journeys; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal government's goal is to award at least three percent of all contracting dollars to Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Businesses each year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fresno SBA District Office, local resource partners, and other organizations celebrate Fresno's veteran and military owned business; and

**WHEREAS**, nearly ten percent of all businesses in the United States are veteran-owned and the City of Fresno is proudly home to several registered veteran-owned businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, Fresno small businesses owned by active duty service members, National Guard and Reserve members, veterans, and military spouses contribute to Fresno's economy and help support our community; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Fresno is grateful to the brave service men and women who have chosen to dedicate themselves to serving and protecting their country and encourage the greater Fresno community to support veteran-owned businesses throughout the year.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that that we, Mayor Lee Brand and the Fresno City Councilmembers, do hereby proclaim the week of November 4-8, 2019 to be:

**“National Veterans Small Business Week”**

*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, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November 2019.*

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**LEE BRAND**, Honorable Mayor

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**PAUL CAPRIOGLIO**, Council President

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**MIGUEL A. ARIAS**, Council Vice President

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**ESMERALDA SORIA**, Councilmember District 1

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**MIKE KARBASSI**, Councilmember District 2

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**LUIS CHAVEZ**, Councilmember District 5

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**GARRY BREDEFELD**, Councilmember District 6

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**NELSON ESPARZA**, Councilmember District 7