

# CITY OF FRESNO

*Offices of Mayor Jerry Dyer and Fresno City Council*

Luis C. Santana

**WHEREAS,** Luis C. Santana arrived in Fresno, California in 1991 from his native childhood home of Brazil in South America; and

**WHEREAS,** Luis C. Santana attended California State University, Sacramento earning him a Master's Degree in Social Work. With a strong belief and a simple mission that a child's path toward a bright future is paved with books to increase their reading ability, he founded Reading and Beyond in 1999 with the support of First Covenant Church in Fresno, California; and

**WHEREAS,** Luis C. Santana has grown the Reading and Beyond Organization from a small neighborhood literacy program to a cradle-to-career family service organization serving thousands of families and children across Central California; and

**WHEREAS,** Luis C. Santana has and continues to serve on many boards and commissions such as the Fresno Compact Board, Fresno County Cradle-to-Career Partnership Table and the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley. He currently serves on the Before and After School Program and the Saint Agnes Medical Center Board of Directors; and

**WHEREAS,** Luis C. Santana has received many honors, he was the first recipient in the central valley to receive the James Irvine Foundation Leadership Award, the Local Hero Award by Union Bank and Valley Public Television along with Portraits of Success from KSEE 24. In 2019, he received the Ethical Leadership Honor Award from the California State University Fresno Ethics Center for 20 years of Service; and

**WHEREAS,** The City of Fresno recognizes all of your many accomplishments over the years and we truly wish you the best on your retirement and future endeavors.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that we, Mayor Jerry Dyer and the Fresno City Council, do hereby proclaim November 3rd, 2022, to be:

**“Luis C. Santana 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November 2022.

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MAYOR JERRY DYER

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