

CITY OF FRESNO

Office of Council President Esmeralda Soria

“World Prematurity Day”

WHEREAS, Premature births threaten the lives and health of 15 million babies around the world every year and is the leading cause of death among newborns; and

WHEREAS, Fresno County has one of the highest rates of premature births in California with one in every nine babies being born prematurely; and

WHEREAS, The Fresno County Preterm Birth Initiative is a collaborative effort to reduce the number of babies born prematurely from 10.3% to 7% by 2025 in Fresno County and increase the health of women before, during, and after pregnancy; and

WHEREAS, The Fresno County Preterm Birth Initiative is a part of a 10-year Preterm Birth Initiative, led by the University of California, San Francisco. The Central California Center for Health and Human Service at Fresno State University is the backbone organization; and

WHEREAS, November 17, 2018 is designated as World Prematurity Day as part of the Every Women Every Child initiative; and

WHEREAS, Organizations in Fresno County, including governmental agencies, businesses, schools, colleges, churches, non-profit organizations, hospitals, clinics, and others are working to improve the health of mothers and babies in Fresno County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council does hereby declare November 17th, 2018 as:

“World Prematurity 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 29th day of November 2018.

LEE BRAND, Honorable Mayor

ESMERALDA SORIA, Council President

STEVE BRANDAU, Council Vice President District 2

OLIVER BAINES III, Councilmember District 3

PAUL CAPRIOGLIO, Councilmember District 4

LUIS CHAVEZ, Councilmember District 5

GARRY BREDEFELD, Councilmember District 6

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