

# CITY OF FRESNO

*Office of Mayor Jerry Dyer*

## *In Celebration of Münster Germany*

**WHEREAS**, on May 10, 1983, the Fresno City Council approved a resolution naming Münster, Germany – a historic cultural and university town – as a Sister City. Now, 39 years later, the pairing between Fresno and Münster is Fresno’s second longest current Sister City relationship, surpassed only by Kochi, Japan; and

**WHEREAS**, over the years, the Münster-Fresno relationship has been mutually beneficial, with many student exchanges and visits by citizens and officials with the two cities. In 1991, for instance, a Münster delegation toured Fresno-area agriculture venues. In 1993, the Fresno Youth Philharmonic Orchestra toured Münster. Visits such as these enriched both cities and strengthened the relationship; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2009, Markus Lewé was elected as Münster’s Mayor. He was reelected in 2015 and 2020 and is in his thirteenth year leading the City; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Lewé and the Münster City Council, and Fresno Mayor Jerry Dyer and the Fresno City Council, desire to continue this very important relationship as we welcome Mayor Lewé and the Münster delegation to the City of Fresno in May 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, to not only continue, but also to expand this longstanding relationship, Münster and Fresno have signed an economic alliance with the goal of strengthening economic development ties. This agreement will pave the way for the sharing of information and best practices and assist in the development and commercialization of new technologies as well as business attraction and expansion; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fresno appreciates this long and fruitful relationship, and looks forward to many more years and decades as partners, with the goal of enriching lives not only in both cities, but also by our close working relationship, in the world at large.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we, Mayor Jerry Dyer and Members of the Fresno City Council proclaim Thursday, May 26, 2022, to be:

## “Münster, Germany 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 26th day of May, 2022.*

JERRY DYER, Honorable Mayor

NELSON ESPARZA, Council President

ESMERALDA SORIA, Councilmember District 1

MIKE KARBASSI, Councilmember District 2

MIGUEL ARIAS, Councilmember District 3

TYLER MAXWELL, Council Vice President

LUIS CHAVEZ, Councilmember District 5

GARRY BREDEFELD, Council District 6