

# CITY OF FRESNO

*Office of City Council President Mike Karbassi*

**WHEREAS,** Michele Carmichael has devoted over 55 years of extraordinary service and dedication to the Special Olympics movement, first with Special Olympics California and later with Special Olympics Northern California (SONorCal), demonstrating an unwavering commitment to the mission of the organization and its athletes; and

**WHEREAS,** Michele’s profound impact on the lives of athletes, families, and the Special Olympics community is immeasurable, as she has dedicated her time, energy, and expertise to enhancing the experience of all participants, ensuring excellence in both athletic performance and personal growth; and

**WHEREAS,** through her tireless efforts, Michele has played a pivotal role in the development and success of various sports programs, including the formation of the swimming program in Fresno, where her leadership has transformed the program into a unified and successful team, providing athletes with opportunities for achievement and growth; and

**WHEREAS,** Michele has consistently elevated the standard of excellence for her athletes, integrating physical training with holistic personal development strategies such as goal setting, journaling, and motivational exercises, fostering the growth of well-rounded, confident individuals; and

**WHEREAS,** at the state and national levels, Michele’s invaluable contributions to games management, fundraising efforts, and her role as a Head of Delegation for World Games and USA Games have provided critical support to Special Olympics events, ensuring their long-term sustainability and success; and

**WHEREAS,** Michele’s leadership at the international level has consistently led to outstanding achievements, guiding athletes to success at the Special Olympics World Games and USA Games while maintaining a strong, athlete-first philosophy; and

**WHEREAS,** Michele’s relentless dedication, her innovative approaches to coaching and athlete development, and her advocacy for the needs of athletes have left an indelible legacy within Special Olympics Northern California, Special Olympics California, and the broader Special Olympics movement; and

**WHEREAS,** Michele’s tireless work and passion have not only transformed the lives of countless athletes but also shaped the future of Special Olympics programs at every level, ensuring that the athletes she has mentored will continue to excel and inspire future generations of athletes, coaches, and volunteers.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that we, Mayor Jerry Dyer and the Fresno City Council, do hereby recognize:

## “Michele Carmichael 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2025.*

JERRY P. DYER, Honorable Mayor

MIKE KARBASSI, Council President

MIGUEL ARIAS, Council Vice President

ANNALISA PEREA, Councilmember District 1

TYLER MAXWELL, Councilmember District 4

NICK RICHARDSON, Councilmember District 6

NELSON ESPARZA, Councilmember District 7