

# CITY OF FRESNO

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*Office of Councilmember Mike Karbassi*

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**WHEREAS**, May marks the beginning of National Foster Care Month, and CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of Fresno and Madera Counties, looks to raise awareness of its overall mission to recruit, train and support volunteer advocates who mentor foster youth in Fresno; and

**WHEREAS**, CASA Focuses on the overarching goal of their advocates to build lasting relationships with abused and neglected children in the Child Welfare and Juvenile Court Systems. This bond with the foster youth therefore increases educational success and employability, while in turn, decreasing homelessness and incarceration; and

**WHEREAS**, the CASA organization thanks the volunteers who have donated over 20,000 hours of their time in the last year, while inspiring the public to join them in being The Voice That Matters For Foster Youth in Fresno and Madera Counties; and

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

**“CASA Awareness 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 25<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023.*

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**JERRY DYER**, Honorable Mayor

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**MIKE KARBASSI**, Councilmember District 2

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**TYLER MAXWELL**, Council President

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**ANNALISA PEREA**, Council Vice President

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**MIGUEL ARIAS**, Councilmember District 3

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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