

CITY OF FRESNO

Office of City Council President Mike Karbassi

WHEREAS, since 1935, firefighters and their families have counted on the support and financial services at Central Valley Firefighters Credit Union (CVFCU). The CVFCU was founded as Fresno Fire Department Credit Union in 1935 by Captain Richard “Pappy” Hicks and 107 other firefighters from the Fresno City Fire Department. To establish the organization, each member contributed a membership fee of fifty cents in order to establish a state charter and be recognized as a financial institution. In 2018, our name changed to Central Valley Firefighters Credit Union, but not our mission: to be the Financial First Response Team to those who protect our community; and

WHEREAS, Central Valley Firefighters Credit Union proudly serves firefighters and employees of the fire service, as well as their families, across six counties: Fresno, Madera, Kings, Mariposa, Merced, and Tulare, with a network spanning over 300 fire stations and administrative offices; and

WHEREAS, over the decades, CVFCU has grown and evolved to meet the needs of the fire community. Now, as we celebrate its 90th anniversary, the Credit Union reflects on a remarkable legacy of service, growth, and commitment to its members; and

WHEREAS, Fresno remains the home and central hub of Central Valley Firefighters Credit Union, which continues to play a vital role in fostering collaboration and cooperation across the six-county region. CVFCU stands as a testament to the strong sense of community, service, and mutual support among firefighters in this area, with a legacy of dedication to improving the financial well-being of its members. Through these efforts, the credit union has built a solid foundation that enables it to serve and grow for many years to come, marking 90 years of providing invaluable financial support and stability to its community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, Mayor Jerry Dyer and the Fresno City Council, do hereby recognize the 90 years of service to its members and honor:

“Central Valley Firefighters Credit Union”

in the City of Fresno.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have heretunto set our hands and affixed the seal of the City of Fresno, California, this 13th day of March 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