

CITY OF FRESNO

Office of Councilmember Annalisa Perea

WHEREAS, *Young Parents’ Day honors the courage, resilience, and determination of young parents who work every day to build brighter futures for themselves and their children, often while managing the demanding responsibilities of education, employment, parenthood, and personal growth; and*

WHEREAS, *Fresno County continues to face a teen birth rate nearly twice the statewide average, highlighting the urgent need to invest in programs that equip young parents with educational pathways, supportive services, and vital community resources that lay the foundation for long-term stability and success; and*

WHEREAS, *for more than a decade, Shine Together has stood as the only organization in Central California exclusively dedicated to supporting pregnant and parenting youth ages 13 to 25 providing educational navigation, early childhood development support, individualized coaching, and leadership opportunities that strengthen families and foster self-sufficiency; and*

WHEREAS, *their impact is demonstrated through measurable outcomes: 91% of participants complete high school or remain on track to graduate; 92% report reduced parenting stress and increased hope for their families’ future; 81% strengthen their financial knowledge; and 95% of children enrolled reach key developmental milestones, proving that targeted investments in young parents lead to lasting community benefits; and*

WHEREAS, *the City of Fresno (City) recognizes that when young parents have access to the tools, support, and opportunities they need to thrive, they not only uplift their own families but also strengthen the future of our entire community. The City commends Shine Together for its unwavering commitment to empowerment through compassion, education, and advocacy.*

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, *that we, Mayor Jerry P. Dyer, Councilmember Annalisa Perea, and the Fresno City Councilmembers encourage all residents to recognize the achievements of young parents and to support Shine Together’s dedication to helping them build healthy, stable, and successful futures for themselves and their children, and hereby proclaim Thursday, August 13, 2026, to be:*

“Young Parents’ 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, on this 13th day of August 2026.

JERRY P. DYER, Honorable Mayor

ANNALISA PEREA, Councilmember District 1

NELSON ESPARZA, Council President

TYLER MAXWELL, Council Vice President

MIKE KARBASSI, Councilmember District 2

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