

# CITY OF FRESNO

*The Fresno City Council*

## *Community College Awareness Month*

- WHEREAS: According to the National Center for Education Statistics, across the nation, public community colleges serve over 7 million students. The California Community Colleges, the largest system of higher education in the nation with 116 colleges serving more than 1.8 million students, is an essential resource for the State of California, its people, and its economy; and
- WHEREAS: The California Community Colleges bring higher education within reach of every Californian through their open admissions, low enrollment fees, financial assistance programs, academic and career guidance, outstanding teach by dedicated faculty, exceptional career training, and specialized support services for students who need extra help with the transition to college or to the mastery of college-level coursework; and
- WHEREAS: The State Center Community College District is one of the largest and successful community college districts in the region, serving over 53,000 students annually at their four colleges and center. The Colleges of State Center Community College District award more than 400 degree and certificate programs that prepare students for success in their academic and professional lives; and
- WHEREAS: The State Center Community College District is a space for students, faculty, staff and administrators to work together to gain deeper understanding of the lived experiences of people of colors, our LGBTQIA Community, and marginalized and underrepresented groups to create a more inclusive working and learning environment. The State Center Community College District is vital to training and preparing thousands of first responders, including police, fire, paramedics, and nurses throughout the Valley; and
- WHEREAS: In recognition of National Community College Awareness Month, the State Center Community College District celebrates its successes and many accomplishments in April.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that Councilmember Nelson Esparza, Mayor Jerry P. Dyer, and the Fresno City Council do hereby proclaim, the month of April 2023 as:

### **“Community College Awareness Month”** 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 month of April 2023.

JERRY P. DYER, Honorable Mayor

TYLER MAXWELL, Council President District 4

ANNALISA PEREA, Council Vice President District 1

MIKE KARBASSI, Councilmember District 2

MIGUEL ARIAS, Councilmember District 3

LUIS CHAVEZ, Councilmember District 5

GARRY BREDEFELD, Councilmember District 6

NELSON ESPARZA, Councilmember District 7