

CITY OF FRESNO

Office of Council Vice President Miguel A. Arias

***WHEREAS**, the City of Fresno proudly recognizes the Oaxaqueño community, whose presence and participation strengthen the city’s cultural and social fabric, enriching Fresno with traditions, languages, artistry, and values that have been passed down for generations; and*

***WHEREAS**, for 25 years, the annual Guelaguetza Fresno, has served as a cornerstone celebration of Oaxaqueño culture, showcasing traditional music, dance, art, and cuisine that reflect Oaxaca’s rich cultural heritage while strengthening bonds between Indigenous communities and the city at large; and*

***WHEREAS**, the festival is organized with dedication by Centro Binacional para el Desarrollo Indígena Oaxaqueño (CBDIO), whose mission includes preserving Indigenous languages, advancing social and civic engagement, and advocating for the well-being of Oaxaqueño and other Indigenous immigrant families in Fresno; and*

***WHEREAS**, the concept of Guelaguetza, rooted in reciprocity and mutual support, embodies the spirit of sharing, generosity, and cultural exchange that resonates across all communities and reflects the values that strengthen Fresno as a city; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Oaxaqueño community has contributed to Fresno’s growth and vitality through civic leadership, entrepreneurship, labor, education, and cultural expression, while preserving a proud Indigenous identity for future generations; and*

***WHEREAS**, celebrating Oaxaqueño heritage strengthens intercultural understanding, unity, and civic pride, highlighting the contributions of the Oaxaqueño people to the social and cultural vitality of Fresno; and*

***WHEREAS**, the recognition of September as Oaxaqueño Heritage Month affirms the City of Fresno’s commitment to honoring cultural diversity, preserving Indigenous traditions, and acknowledging the invaluable contributions of the Oaxaqueño community to the city’s history, culture, and future.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Mayor Jerry P. Dyer and the Fresno City Council do hereby proclaim the month of September 2025 to be:*

“Oaxaqueño Heritage Month” *in the City of Fresno.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed the Great Seal of the City of Fresno, California, on the 25th day of September 2025.

JERRY P. DYER, Honorable Mayor

MIGUEL A. ARIAS, Council Vice President, District 3

TYLER MAXWELL, Councilmember, District 4

MIKE KARBASSI, Council President, District 2

ANNALISA PEREA, Councilmember, District 1

BRANDON VANG, Councilmember, District 5

NICK RICHARDSON, Councilmember, District 6

NELSON ESPARZA, Councilmember, District 7