

CITY OF FRESNO

Office of Mayor Jerry P. Dyer



WHEREAS, Aideed Medina is a Pulitzer Prize-nominated poet, award-winning spoken word artist and playwright, and the author of *31 Hummingbird: A Suite of Poems and Segmented Bodies*; and

WHEREAS, her poetry and prose have been featured in many publications, including Fresno State's *Club Austral Literary Magazine*, *Chicano Writers and Artists Association Journal*, *La Bloga*, *Poets Responding*, *Split This Rock*, and *Nueva York Poetry Review*, among many others; and

WHEREAS, with a talent that transcends traditional boundaries, Aideed's work has been showcased in anthologies, municipal murals of the 559 Mural Project, and even through original compositions for *The Opera Remix with Fresno Grand Opera*; and

WHEREAS, drawing inspiration from her family's experiences and the broader farmworker movement, Aideed's poetry captures the resilience, struggles, and hopes of those who have long been the region's economic backbone. Through her work, Aideed pays homage to the labor and sacrifices of farmworkers while giving voice to their enduring spirit and contributions to our community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno recognizes Aideed's accomplishments and considerable talents as a poet, as well as her commitment to its quality of life via the arts community and through her work in our civic and educational realms; and

WHEREAS, it is the City of Fresno's custom that the Mayor appoints the Poet Laureate Selection Committee, who officially select the City's poet laureate. This term, the honor goes to Aideed Medina.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, Mayor Jerry Dyer and Members of the Fresno City Council, do hereby proclaim Thursday, April 10, 2025, to be:

“Poet Laureate Aideed Medina 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 10th day of April 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