

WHEREAS, Cervical Health Awareness Month is observed each January to raise awareness about cervical cancer, promote prevention through regular screenings and HPV vaccination, and encourage early detection, which can save lives; and

WHEREAS, cervical cancer is one of the most preventable and treatable cancers, yet each year approximately 1,485 new cases of cervical cancer are diagnosed in California, underscoring the continued need for education and access to preventive care; and

WHEREAS, Fresno County accounts for an estimated 38 new cervical cancer cases annually, highlighting the local impact of this disease and the importance of targeted community awareness and prevention efforts; and

WHEREAS, nearly all cases of cervical cancer are preventable through routine cervical cancer screening, including Pap tests and HPV testing beginning at age 21, along with timely follow-up care when abnormalities are detected; and

WHEREAS, the National Cervical Cancer Coalition (NCCC) Fresno Chapter provides vital education, advocacy, and support to individuals and families impacted by cervical cancer and HPV, while working to reduce health disparities and increase access to screening and vaccination in our community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno recognizes that improving cervical health outcomes requires continued public education, accessible health care services, and community partnerships that empower residents to prioritize preventive care and regular checkups.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, Mayor Jerry P. Dyer, Councilmember Annalisa Perea, and the Fresno City Councilmembers, encourage all residents to learn about cervical cancer prevention, get screened as recommended, and stand in solidarity with those affected by cervical cancer and do hereby proclaim the month of **January 2026 to be:**

“Cervical Health Awareness Month”