

CITY OF FRESNO

Office of Councilmember Mike Karbassi

WHEREAS, John "Jay" Kalpakoff was born and raised in Los Angeles, California where he became a 3rd generation garbage man and part owner of Metropolitan Waste; and

WHEREAS, After realizing an early retirement was not in his nature, he moved his family to the Central Valley in 1997. With one truck and a dream of starting a garbage company, Mid Valley Disposal was created; and

WHEREAS, Jay cherished Mid Valley Disposal and treated every employee like family. His passion for the community rang true everyday of his life through the relationships he had for the communities Mid Valley Disposal serves as partners; and

WHEREAS, Jay was well known for his philanthropy by giving to local charities and food banks. Mid Valley Disposal serves and helps its employees through sponsoring teams and scholarships for continuing education; and

WHEREAS, Jay had a huge heart and could never say no to a friend and everyone was his friend. His larger than life personality could light up a room. As he greeted you with a BIG KISS on the cheek, you knew that he was going to share a story you could learn from and make you feel like the most important person in the room; and

WHEREAS, Though Jay was passionate about his company and community, his true inspiration and most important to him was his family. Jay and the love of his life Natalie were married for 53 years. The Kalpakoff family is strong because of Jay and Natalie and the example they set for their five children, Joshua, Jonathan, Joseph, Joseph's wife Wendy, Tatiana and Justin and their three grandchildren Harrison, Remy and Cash.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Mayor Jerry Dyer and the Fresno City Council, do hereby proclaim Thursday, December 2, 2021 to be:

“Jay Kalpakoff 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 2nd day of December 2021.