

# CITY OF FRESNO

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## *Office of Councilmember Esmeralda Soria*

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*Is hereby presented to the:*  
**Connections Class “Community Beautification”  
Adult Transition Program**

**WHEREAS,** *The Connections Class “Community Beautification” is an Adult Transition Program that assists disabled young adults ages 18-22 in transitioning into adulthood by giving them the tools to be confident in their abilities as positive community members; and*

**WHEREAS,** *The “Community Beautification” program is directly aligned with the City’s efforts to Beautify Fresno and it is a way to teach skills such as listening, following directions, and working as a team. Also, furthering knowledge of street and personal safety by using public services such as the Fresno Area Express bus system. Students take pride in developing skills for self-sufficiency. With aid from the Adult Transition Program, they have access to employment opportunities at Storyland to assist with janitorial duties. Also, working with local community churches to fill boxes of food for distribution; and*

**WHEREAS,** *The ATP staff consists of 1 teacher: Renee Wilkerson, 3 aides: Amanda Monroe, Dawna O’Connell, and Tracey Pules, and 3 administrators: Edward Robinson- site principal, Shant Avakian- program specialist, and Dave Pallughi- director of special education. The staff is instrumental in shaping the future of the program participants.*

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** *that the City of Fresno Mayor and City Council congratulate the Adult Transition Program on their commitment to bettering the community and hereby proclaim April 28<sup>th</sup> to be:*

**“Connections Class “Community Beautification”  
Adult Transition Program 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 day of April 28<sup>th</sup> 2022.*

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**ESMERALDA SORIA**, Councilmember, District 1

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**JERRY DYER**, Honorable Mayor

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**MIKE KARBASSI**, Councilmember, District 2

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**LUIS CHAVEZ**, Councilmember, District 5

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**MIGUEL ARIAS**, Councilmember, District 3

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**GARRY BREDEFELD**, Councilmember, District 6

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**TYLER MAXWELL**, Council Vice President, District 4

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**NELSON ESPARZA**, Council President, District 7