RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A POLICY FOR CITY COOLING AND WARMING CENTERS

WHEREAS, according to the CDC and National Weather Forecast, extreme temperatures could lead to weather-related illnesses, including heat strokes, dizziness, heat exhaustion, hypothermia, frostbite, long-term health conditions, and loss of life; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno has been experiencing an increase in heat waves over the last few years, with record-breaking numbers of days with temperatures of 100 degrees or greater; and

WHEREAS, the surge in wildfires has intensified already life-threatening health conditions; and

WHEREAS, individuals most impacted by extreme weather changes are our most vulnerable communities, including but not limited to, individuals and families experiencing homelessness, non-English speakers, families earning low incomes, and individuals residing in highest-needs neighborhoods with lack of tree shade canopies; and

WHEREAS, families continue to face increasing financial burdens of rising energy costs, while many living units are not adequately equipped with proper functioning cooling and warming systems; and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service provides critical tools for excessive heat event mitigation plans, including an Excessive Heat Watch when conditions are favorable for an excessive heat event in the next 12 to 48 hours, and an Excessive Heat Warning/Advisory when an excessive heat event is expected in the next 36 hours; and

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Effective Date:
City Attorney Approval: _____

WHEREAS, the Council desires to establish a policy with respect to the activation and operation of its cooling and warming centers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Fresno as follows:

1. Cooling centers shall be activated any time the temperature is forecasted to reach 100 degrees, or any time the temperature is forecasted to be 95 degrees for two or more consecutive days. Operating hours shall be from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The City shall provide access to drinking water for those utilizing the cooling center. At minimum, cooling centers shall be provided at Maxie L. Parks Community Center, Ted C. Wills Community Center, Mosqueda Community Center, and Pinedale Community Center. The City Manager shall work to identify additional locations across the City to increase access to cooling centers throughout every district.

2. Warming centers shall be activated any time the temperature is forecasted to drop below 40 degrees. The City shall provide essential resources such as cots and blankets to participants. The City Manager shall identify appropriate locations throughout the City, with at least one in each Council District. Locations shall comply with applicable state and local laws and standards, including the California Building and Safety Code.

3. The City shall provide notice through all City communication platforms and notice shall be given to all Council offices 36 hours prior to activating cooling and warming centers.

4. The City's Transportation Department (FAX) shall provide free bus transportation to cooling and warming centers whenever they are activated.

5. This resolution shall be effective upon final approval.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF FRESNO) ss.
CITY OF FRESNO)

I, TODD STERMER, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, at a regular meeting held on the _____ day of _____ 2022.

AYES :
NOES :
ABSENT :
ABSTAIN :

Mayor Approval: _____, 2022
Mayor Approval/No Return: _____, 2022
Mayor Veto: _____, 2022
Council Override Vote: _____, 2022

TODD STERMER, CMC
City Clerk

By: _____
Deputy Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
RINA M. GONZALES
Interim City Attorney

By: _____
Katie Doerr, Date
Chief Assistant