

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A POLICY FOR
HONORARY FLAG-RAISING AND LIGHTING

WHEREAS, it is important to honor certain events, causes, and people of history;
and

WHEREAS, the Council desires to provide regulations and procedures for
honorary flag-raising and honorary lighting at City Hall and Eaton Plaza; and

WHEREAS, ceremonial flags raisings and ceremonial lighting at City Hall and
Eaton Plaza shall be done pursuant to the regulations and procedures provided in this
resolution.

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

1. The City may have two locations available for ceremonial flag-raising,
including the flag pole at City Hall, and flag poles at Eaton Plaza.

2. Policy for City Hall flag poles, and ceremonial lighting:

a. On an annual basis in July of each year, or at such other time as the
City Manager shall specify, the Fresno City Council shall adopt a schedule of
approved ceremonial flag-raising and ceremonial lighting events for the following
calendar year. Flag poles and lighting shall be restricted to government speech,
and are not to create a public forum.

b. Upon adoption of the ceremonial flag-raising schedule by the
Council, the City Manager will work with individuals and/or organizations leading
events approved for ceremonial flag-raising and lighting events to plan, schedule,

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and coordinate logistics. Should no individual or organization be leading efforts, the City is not required to staff all events listed on the approved schedule.

c. Upon adoption of the ceremonial flag-raising and lighting schedule by the Council, no additional flag-raising ceremony requests will be considered for the calendar year. However, a Councilmember and/or the Administration may request to raise a flag at Eaton Plaza in response to spontaneous events prompted by news or current affairs that may happen during the year.

d. Honorary lighting may be funded by the Councilmember's office, City Manager, or Mayor's office making the request, by an appropriation of Council, or by an outside organization or person; lighting shall comply with all applicable codes and regulations, as supervised by the City Public Works Department.

e. Ceremonial flags shall be limited to those of countries and cities, including cities considered "Sister Cities"; civil rights recognitions; local, state, or national holidays or days or months of observance; local sports teams; and other special event recognitions as may be approved by Council. Flags and/or lighting shall not be utilized to support or oppose any political candidate, ballot issue, legislative item, or private business or commercial venture, and shall be compliant with the Fresno Municipal Code and the United States and State of California Constitutions and statutes.

3. Eaton Plaza Flag poles:

a. The Eaton Plaza flag poles are intended as a forum for public expression, and are not intended to express the opinions or position of the City.

b. Individuals or organizations desiring to request a ceremonial flag-raising at Eaton Plaza may submit a request to the Office of Special Events at least 30 days prior to the date of the event.

c. The Office of Special Events will receive and review all requests for ceremonial flag-raising events and determine if requests comply with this Resolution and applicable Administrative Order(s) for ceremonial flag-raising events.

4. The procedures for implementing this Resolution are as follows:

a. Flags may be flown daily for one to seven continuous days, once per calendar year.

b. At Fresno City Hall, the chosen flag shall replace the Fresno City flag and be in compliance with Administrative Order 8-9;

c. At Eaton Plaza, flags must conform with Administrative Order 8-9.

d. City staff who regularly raise the U.S. and State flags daily, shall also raise approved ceremonial flags, if provided in advance. Alternatively, others as specified by the official making the request, may take responsibility for daily raising and lowering of a ceremonial flag.

e. Approved lighting may be directed to take place daily for 1 to 30 continuous days per calendar year, but efforts should be made to accommodate multiple conflicting concurrent requests.

5. Events held in conjunction with a flag raising may be subject to municipal code provisions or other City policies relating to special events. Council hereby directs the Administration, Staff, and the City Attorney to take all actions necessary to implement

this resolution. The City Manager may issue additional regulations not inconsistent with this resolution concerning ceremonial flags and lighting.

6. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

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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

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

By: _____
Katie Doerr Date
Chief Assistant City Attorney