

# CITY OF FRESNO

*Office of Mayor Jerry Dyer*

## *In Celebration of Disability Awareness Month*

**WHEREAS**, the Americans with Disabilities Act is a civil rights law that prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities in all areas of public life, including jobs, schools, transportation, and all public and private places that are open to the general public; and

**WHEREAS**, every year since 1945, the President of the United States has proclaimed a national observance in October to promote the employment of individuals with disabilities, and proclaimed 2022 as “Disability: Part of the Equity Equation;” and

**WHEREAS**, seventeen percent of city of Fresno residents and fifty percent of residents over the age of 65 have one or more disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, attitudinal barriers can hinder people with disabilities from being fully integrated into community life; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fresno recognizes that people with disabilities are an appreciated community resource that should not be overlooked or underutilized; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fresno’s Disability Advisory Commission serves all residents by providing guidance on a wide range of disability-related issues and, through its Annual Achievement Awards, recognizes individuals who have improved the quality of life for disabled persons in Fresno.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, Mayor Jerry Dyer and members of the Fresno City Council, do hereby proclaim October 2022 to be:

### “Disability Awareness Month”

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 13th day of October 2022.

JERRY DYER, Honorable Mayor

NELSON ESPARZA, Council President

ESMERALDA SORIA, Councilmember District 1

MIKE KARBASSI, Councilmember District 2

MIGUEL ARIAS, Councilmember District 3

TYLER MAXWELL, Council Vice President

LUIS CHAVEZ, Councilmember District 5

GARRY BREDEFELD, Council District 6