

WHEREAS, it is important to celebrate the role of history in our lives and the contributions made by dedicated individuals in helping to preserve and protect the heritage that has shaped us as a people; and

WHEREAS, we honor the residents and business owners who understand the economic, educational, and environmental benefits of "Saving Places" in Fresno. Aside from serving as an economic engine for our communities, their work also enhances community vibrancy, fosters a sense of pride and identity among our residents, all while telling our stories; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the tireless work of the Historic Preservation Commission, the Fresno City and County Historical Society, Heritage Fresno, Vintage Fresno, Historic Fresno, Chinatown Fresno Foundation, the Big Fresno Fair, and the Downtown Fresno Partnership in researching, registering, protecting, and promoting Fresno's many historic resources; and

WHEREAS, in the City of Fresno, there are over 300 properties on the Local Register of Historic Places, 25 properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places (the U.S.' highest recognition), 25 properties listed as Heritage Properties, 4 registered Historic Districts, 230 properties that contribute to a Historic District, 26 Proposed Historic Districts, and 30 properties that participate in the City's Mill's Act Economic Incentive Program; and

WHEREAS, designating May as Fresno Historic Preservation Month provides an opportunity to celebrate our rich cultural heritage and appreciate the unique historical significance of our city. Fresno Historic Preservation Month – a celebration of people saving places, serves as a reminder to honor our past in order to build a healthy future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, Mayor Dyer, Councilmember Miguel Arias, and the Fresno City Council do hereby proclaim the month of May as:

"Fresno Historic Preservation Month"
in the City of Fresno.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed the Great Seal of the City of Fresno, California, this 11th day of May 2023.