

CITY OF FRESNO

Office of Mayor Jerry P. Dyer & Councilmember Mike Karbassi

WHEREAS, Kim Shehadey, a Central Valley native, graduated from California State University at Bakersfield with a degree in Early Childhood Development, and a degree in Business Administration from Santa Barbara Business College. She was also an intern at UCLA Children's Medical Center. Because of her love for children, Kim created and administered Kimi's Kaddie and Kare, a thriving licensed preschool daycare program in Fresno from 2001 through 2015. She has also volunteered in the preschool and kindergarten departments of New Covenant Community Church for 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Kim's largest body of work began in 2014 when she became a member of the Assistance League® of Fresno. Since then, she has chaired several committees and programs, introducing new ideas to further promote the Assistance League's® philanthropic partnership with many organizations in Fresno and Madera Counties. Kim has chaired Operation Bear Hug and Operation Gift Box for the Assistance League®, and represented the Fresno Chapter on its national committee. She currently serves on the Dream Dress, Bear Hug and Operation School Bell® Committees, as well as the Assistance League's thrift boutique - recently voted the #1 thrift store by The Fresno Bee; and

WHEREAS, In addition to serving as past President, she currently chairs and coordinates the chapter's auxiliary, Assisteens®, that supports all of the Assistance League of Fresno's® programs. Assisteens® is a four-year mentoring program to prepare high school students to learn philanthropic fundraising, organizational and leadership skills. This has allowed her to develop 165 high school students from Fresno and Clovis into civic-minded servants. This group's programs include blanket making, sugar scrub, senior services, animal services, Poverello House volunteering, Operation Gobble and Beautify Fresno. The Assisteens® learn nonprofit skills with a governing board and develop philanthropic programs with her guidance; and

WHEREAS, Assisteens® are the driving force of Operation School Bell's Super Saturday at Martin Luther King Elementary. One Saturday each month, Assisteens® and Martin Luther King students do homework, play sports and games, do arts and crafts, have story time, and eat healthy meals. This, along with Operation Gobble in Mike Karbassi's district, are her favorite programs; and

WHEREAS, Kim's true passion is Philanthropy. She exemplifies the Assistance League's tagline which is "Transforming Lives • Strengthening Community". She believes that hard work and time devoted to others is worth every minute. Her future goals are to continue teaching others to help themselves build up confidence so they can be happy and successful while simultaneously making Fresno a better place; and

WHEREAS, Kim's family consists of her husband Jim and their 3 children: Audrey, Robert, and Lauren. World travelers, they are avid snow skiers and water enthusiasts enjoying boating and jet skis. She is a dedicated yoga student and enjoys her 5 a.m. yoga classes three times a week at Four Corner Studio to help kick start her day.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we Mayor Jerry P. Dyer and Councilmember Mike Karbassi hereby proclaim Kim Shehadey as District 2's Woman of the Year:

“Kim Shehadey”

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 29th day of March 2023.

JERRY P. DYER, Honorable Mayor

MIKE KARBASSI, Councilmember District 2

TYLER MAXWELL, Council President

ANNALISA PEREA, Council Vice President

MIGUEL ARIAS, Councilmember District 3

LUIS CHAVEZ, Councilmember District 5

GARRY BREDEFELD, Councilmember District 6

NELSON ESPARZA, Councilmember District 7