

# CITY OF FRESNO

*Office of Council President Annalisa Perea*

***WHEREAS,** Special Olympics Northern California employs the transformative power of sports to initiate change and foster joy, uniting individuals with and without intellectual disabilities to cultivate a more interconnected community; and*

***WHEREAS,** established in 1968 by Eunice Kennedy Shriver, Special Olympics California subsequently divided into two chapters – Northern California and Southern California – in 1995, with the aim of better addressing local needs; and*

***WHEREAS,** Special Olympics Northern California fosters an inclusive environment where individuals, irrespective of disabilities, can connect, lead healthy lives, achieve success, and derive joy from sports. They envision a community where unity and respect thrive through sports, celebrating the unique talents of all individuals, regardless of intellectual abilities; and*

***WHEREAS,** the Special Olympics Northern California community boasts significant participation figures, including 23,542 Total Athletes, 31,844 Total Athletes & Unified Partners, 334 Total Competitions, and 21,070 Total Volunteers; and*

***WHEREAS,** beyond sports, Special Olympics Northern California empowers athletes through health screenings, education, school partnerships, and leadership programs. Their reach spans 40+ counties in Northern California, benefiting thousands. Special Olympics Northern California challenges stereotypes and strives for inclusive opportunities for all to thrive.*

***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that we, Council President Annalisa Perea, Mayor Jerry P. Dyer, and Fresno City Council do hereby proclaim March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024, to be:*

***“Special Olympics Northern California Day”***

***in the City of Fresno.***

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** we have hereunto set our hands and affixed the seal of the City of Fresno, California, on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March 2024.*

***JERRY P. DYER,** Honorable Mayor*

***ANNALISA PEREA,** Council President District 1*

***MIKE KARBASSI,** Council Vice President District 2*

***MIGUEL ARIAS,** Councilmember District 3*

***TYLER MAXWELL,** Councilmember District 4*

***LUIS CHAVEZ,** Councilmember District 5*

***GARRY BREDEFELD,** Councilmember District 6*

***NELSON ESPARZA,** Councilmember District 7*