

# *Fresno City Council*

# Proclamation

*By Councilmember Esmeralda Soria*

WHEREAS, Gilbert Felix, a distinguished young person involved in public service and community advocacy, has contributed extensively to not only to the people of the City of Fresno but throughout the Central Valley through his work and many community activities, and as a tribute to his exceptional record of exemplary community service and civic engagement, he is deserving of special public recognition; and

WHEREAS, A native of the Central Valley, he grew up in Sanger, California and through his family was instilled the values of education and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of California State University Fresno, where he earned a Bachelor's in Political Science; Gilbert has been very active in the community interning for Governor Jerry Brown's 2010 campaign through the Fresno Central Labor Council and the Fresno County Public Defender, a Boardmember of the Fresno County Young Democrats, Central Valley Director for the California Young Democrats, and Boardmember of Fresno Barrios Unidos; and

WHEREAS, Being politically active has been a big part of Gilbert's way to bring about change in our community, he has been involved in numerous local and state campaigns, as Field Organizer in the Rudy Salas for Assembly and Field Director for Esmeralda Soria for City Council; and

WHEREAS, Gilbert has carried forward his commitment to public service through his work as Field Representative for Assemblymember Rudy Salas and today as a Council Assistant to the constituency of District 1 on behalf of Councilmember Esmeralda Soria since January 6, 2015; and

WHEREAS, He is dedicated to constituent service and community outreach, performing his work with a smile. Demonstrating such dedication to the delivery of friendly service that he performs his work under a sign to remind himself to "Be nice! Con Amor!"; and

WHEREAS, Even the most difficult constituent cases can be handled swiftly with Gilbert's wit and charm setting the District 1 constituents at ease; he is known by the constituents as the gate keeper of alley keys, engineer of broken sidewalks, fixer of street lights, the architect of designer trash cans and doggie stations, the fastest canvasser in the Valley covering a neighborhood in a blink of an eye; and

WHEREAS, Thirsting for more knowledge and skills, he has been accepted to graduate school at the University of Southern California, Sol Price School of Public Administration; and

WHEREAS, In his absence Gilbert is afraid nobody will remember him when he is gone, however we can think of several reasons he will be remembered in Fresno, he just won't let us tell the tales; and

WHEREAS, Gilbert will be missed and will always be remembered as a great public servant of District 1. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno City Council Members, do hereby proclaim August 5, 2016 to be:

## "Gilbert Felix Day"

in the City of Fresno. We are grateful for your dedication and outstanding service to the City of Fresno and City Council District 1.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed the seal of the City of Fresno, California, this 28th day of July, 2016.

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*ESMERALDA SORIA, Councilmember District 1*

