

**WHEREAS**, Blake Zante was born and raised in Fresno, California by two elementary school teachers who fostered Blake's passion for learning and giving back to his community; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2014, Blake was admitted to California State University, Fresno (Fresno State) as a President's Scholar in the prestigious Smittcamp Family Honors College, where he is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science with a Minor in General Business; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout his Fresno State career, Blake has remained committed to servicing the communities within and surrounding Fresno State. In 2014, he became a board member for the El Dorado Park Community Development Corporation, an organization dedicated to revitalizing impoverished El Dorado Park area neighborhoods. Blake also volunteers regularly for the Poverello House, an organization working to aid homeless communities, and the Bulldog Pantry, an organization which distributes food to low-income students; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2016, the student body of Fresno State chose Blake to represent them as Executive Vice President of Associated Students, Inc. (ASI), the official student government of the university. Blake's hard work did not go unnoticed, as students once again chose Blake to represent them in 2017, this time as President & CEO of ASI, where he has made great strides in bettering Fresno State, including such achievements as the establishment of a new Impact Grant to benefit "technology, sustainability, clubs/organizations, and general campus programming", a program to provide free feminine hygiene products to all students, a Veteran's Resource Center on campus, and a program to provide affordable food options for those in need; and

**WHEREAS**, Blake has represented Fresno State beyond Fresno as well, attending the Public Policy Leadership Conference in February 2016 at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University and the Panetta Institute of Public Policy in June 2017 at California State University, Monterey Bay; and

**WHEREAS**, during his stay at Fresno State, Blake Zante has firmly embodied the Fresno State principles of service, charity, and understanding. Blake has set the standard for excellence for all future ASI Presidents and representatives.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, Mayor Lee Brand and Councilmember Paul Caprioglio, do hereby proclaim Thursday, April 5, 2018 to be:

## **"Blake Zante 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, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April 2018.

---

LEE BRAND, Honorable Mayor

---

PAUL CAPRIOGLIO, Councilmember District 4