

CITY OF FRESNO

Office of Council President Esmeralda Soria



WHEREAS, *There are nearly 7,000 diseases and conditions considered rare (each affecting fewer than 200,000 Americans) in the United States, according to the National Institute of Health (NIH) and while each of these diseases may affect a small number of people, rare diseases as a group affects almost 30 million Americans; and*

WHEREAS, *Many rare diseases are serious with debilitating conditions that can have a significant impact on the lives of those affected and while more than 450 drugs and biologics have been approved for the treatment of rare diseases according to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), millions of Americans still have rare diseases for which there is no approved treatment; and*

WHEREAS, *Individuals and families affected by rare diseases often experience problems such as diagnosis delay, a lack of access to treatments or ancillary services, and difficulty finding a medical expert and though the public is familiar with rare diseases, many patients and families affected by less widely known rare diseases bear a large share of the burden of funding research and raising public awareness to support the search for treatments; and*

WHEREAS, *Residents of the City of Fresno are among those affected by rare diseases since nearly 1 in 10 Americans have a rare disease and so, the City of Fresno is proud to be a part of a nationwide observance of Rare Disease Day on February 28, 2018, organized by the National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD).*

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, *that the City of Fresno Mayor and City Council does hereby proclaim February 28th, 2018 to be:*

“Rare Disease 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 15th day of February 2018.