

CITY OF FRESNO

Office of Council President Esmeralda Soria

“William Saroyan Day”

WHEREAS, *William Saroyan was born in Fresno on August 31, 1908 to Armenian-American parents Armenak and Takoobi Saroyan; and*

WHEREAS, *William Saroyan came from humble beginnings, as he was raised by his mother and paternal grandmother after the passing of his father at the age of three; and*

WHEREAS, *William Saroyan wrote over 50 books, plays, and short stories, many of which have been recognized internationally in various countries around the globe for their literary genius; and*

WHEREAS, *William Saroyan was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 1940, the New York Drama Critics’ Circle award, and an Academy Award for Best Story in 1943; and*

WHEREAS, *The City of Fresno will continue to cherish, honor, and learn from the beloved work of the Fresno native, for many years to come, by opening a museum at the Fresno house where he spent the last two decades of his life on August 31st the 110th anniversary of his birth.*

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, *that the City of Fresno Mayor and City Council does hereby recognize August 31, 2018 as:*

“William Saroyan 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 30th day of August 2018.

LEE BRAND, Honorable Mayor

ESMERALDA SORIA, Council President

STEVE BRANDAU, Council Vice President District 2

OLIVER BAINES III, Councilmember District 3

PAUL CAPRIOGLIO, Councilmember District 4

LUIS CHAVEZ, Councilmember District 5

GARRY BREDEFELD, Councilmember District 6

CLINT OLIVIER, Councilmember District 7