Man of the Year Award
Council District Four

WHEREAS, *Joseph Castro was born in Hanford and is the decedent of immigrants from Mexico, making him the first Latino and Central Valley native to be named President of California State University Fresno; and*

WHEREAS, *the Central Valley shaped Joseph's outlook on life and education which pushed him to obtain a PhD in Higher Education and Leadership from Stanford University after receiving a B.A. in Political Science and Masters in Public Policy from University of California, Berkley; and*

WHEREAS, *the addition of the DISCOVERe tablet program under Joseph Castro's leadership has pushed the campus further into the 21st Century which incorporates tablet technology in the classroom; and*

WHEREAS, *Joseph Castro received the Stanford Graduate School of Education's 2016 Alumni Excellence in Education Award just three years after being selected for the job at Fresno State where he started to push the campus in a* ***bold*** *new direction. Under Joseph Castro's presidency, the school was ranked 17th in the nation by Washington Monthly's Annual College poll in 2017, out ranking some of the nation's top performing schools; and*

WHEREAS, *in Money Magazine's most recent ranking of higher education institutions, Fresno State placed 66th out of the 727 schools reviewed across the nation. Not only has Fresno State improved in graduation rates but has remained affordable for students who strive to obtain a degree in Central California; and*

WHEREAS, *not only has Dr. Castro made improvements to the graduation rate, but he has reached out to the communities in Central California to recruit. Eager young students from across the valley and beyond are intrigued as to what Fresno State can offer;*

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, *Mayor Lee Brand and the Fresno City Councilmembers, do hereby honor and recognize Dr. Joseph Castro as Council District Four's 2018 Man of the Year.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, *that we, Mayor Lee Brand and the Fresno City Councilmembers, do hereby proclaim Thursday, August 30, 2018 to be:*

"Dr. Joseph Castro Day"

in the City of Fresno.