

# CITY OF FRESNO

*Office of Council President Esmeralda Soria*

## “World Prematurity Day”

*WHEREAS, Premature births threaten the lives and health of 15 million babies around the world every year and is the leading cause of death among newborns; and*

*WHEREAS, Fresno County has one of the highest rates of premature births in California with one in every nine babies being born prematurely; and*

*WHEREAS, The Fresno County Preterm Birth Initiative is a collaborative effort to reduce the number of babies born prematurely from 10.3% to 7% by 2025 in Fresno County and increase the health of women before, during, and after pregnancy; and*

*WHEREAS, The Fresno County Preterm Birth Initiative is a part of a 10-year Preterm Birth Initiative, led by the University of California, San Francisco. The Central California Center for Health and Human Service at Fresno State University is the backbone organization; and*

*WHEREAS, November 17, 2018 is designated as World Prematurity Day as part of the Every Women Every Child initiative; and*

*WHEREAS, Organizations in Fresno County, including governmental agencies, businesses, schools, colleges, churches, non-profit organizations, hospitals, clinics, and others are working to improve the health of mothers and babies in Fresno County.*

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council does hereby declare November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 as:*

## “World Prematurity 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 29<sup>th</sup> day of November 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*