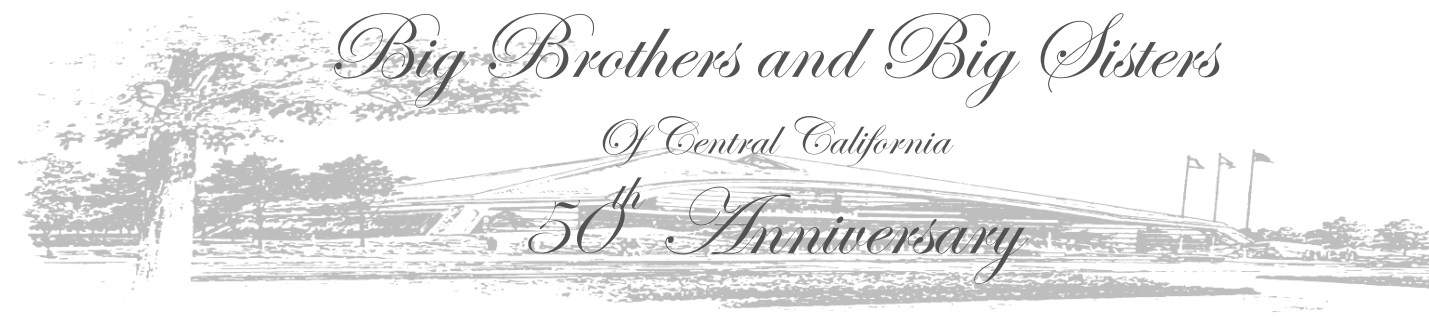


CITY OF FRESNO

Office of Mayor Lee Brand



WHEREAS, the Big Brothers Big Sisters movement began in 1904 when a young New York City court clerk named Ernest Coulter was seeing more and more boys come through his courtroom. Recognizing that caring adults could help many of these kids stay out of trouble, he set out to find volunteers; and

WHEREAS, today there are more than 400 affiliated agencies nationwide serving youth and helping them reach their potential; and

WHEREAS, the local donor and volunteer supported agency formed in Fresno in 1968 and began mentoring services in 1969. Since that time, over 20,000 children and their families have been served; and

WHEREAS, in 1997 the service area expanded to include Kings and Madera Counties, and yet again, in 2007 expansion continued with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tulare County and the name was changed to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central California to reflect the new region; and

WHEREAS, today four counties are served in the Central Valley and over 1,000 children are served each year through different programs. The agency boasts of 22 high school Bigs site-based programs throughout the four counties as well as a Bigs in Blue Program, Lunch Buddies Program and a steady growth of the community-based programs.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Mayor Lee Brand, and Members of the Fresno City Council do hereby congratulate Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central California on the occasion of their 50th anniversary and join in celebrating:

“Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central California Month”

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 7th day of March, 2019.

LEE BRAND, Mayor

STEVE BRANDAU, Council President

ESMERALDA SORIA, Councilmember District 1

MIGUEL ARIAS, Councilmember District 3

PAUL CAPRIOGLIO, Councilmember District 4

LUIS CHAVEZ, Councilmember District 5

GARRY BREDEFELD, Councilmember District 6

NELSON ESPARZA, Councilmember, District 7