

# CITY OF FRESNO

*Office of Council President Paul Caprioglio*

**WHEREAS**, nearly seven people die and 36 are injured from home fires every day and tragically, most victims die in homes that do not have working smoke alarms; and

**WHEREAS**, this spring, the American Red Cross has once again stepped up to install over 100,000 free smoke alarms nationwide during their **Sound the Alarm** home fire safety and smoke alarm installation events. These events will bring in volunteers of all ages to more than 100 at-risk communities in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands; and

**WHEREAS**, the Home Fire Campaign was started by the American Red Cross four years ago to educate families on fire prevention as well as to install new smoke alarms or help replace batteries in existing alarms. This volunteer effort pulls in members of the community, local fire departments, and local organizations to protect and prevent on this lifesaving mission; and

**WHEREAS**, in over four years the Home Fire Campaign has saved over 500 lives, installed over 1.6 million smoke alarms, impacted over 670,000 households and educated over 1.3 million youth; and

**WHEREAS**, this year the American Red Cross and volunteers throughout the Fresno community will install smoke alarms in the Fresno High School area, making Fresno more resilient and prepared for home fires; and

**WHEREAS**, we encourage all of Fresno to educate themselves on home fire prevention, replace batteries in existing smoke alarms, and **Sound the Alarm** to help save lives.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, Mayor Lee Brand and the Fresno City Councilmembers, do hereby proclaim April 2019 to be:

**“Sound the Alarm 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 25<sup>th</sup> day of April 2019.*

**PAUL CAPRIOGLIO**, Council President

**LEE BRAND**, Honorable Mayor

**MIGUEL ARIAS**, Council Vice President

**ESMERALDA SORIA**, Councilmember District 1

**LUIS CHAVEZ**, Councilmember District 5

**GARRY BREDEFELD**, Councilmember District 6

**NELSON ESPARZA**, Councilmember District 7