

WHEREAS, Kesem is a nationwide, nonprofit organization driven by passionate college leaders that support children through and beyond their parent’s cancer. Camp Kesem operates free summer camps for children impacted by a parent’s cancer; and

WHEREAS, Camp Kesem was founded at Stanford University in 2000 and has expanded to 116 chapters made up of universities in 42 states across the country including California State University, Fresno; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 5 million children impacted by a parent’s cancer. Camp Kesem continues to expand to meet the need of this unique population and provides these children a safe and welcoming environment to have a life-changing experience and rediscover their childhood with a community of others who share similar experiences; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, nearly 9,000 children attended over 100 week-long, fully-fundraised sessions of Camp Kesem held at exciting campsites from coast-to-coast. Camp Kesem now serves 10 times the number of children supported ten years ago; and

WHEREAS, the California State University, Fresno (Fresno State) chapter has worked tirelessly to develop an impactful and lasting community. In 2018, Fresno State’s chapter fundraised \$65,000 to support children. The student leaders from California State University, Fresno consistently volunteer their time to ensure the safety of the children who participate and to provide the highest levels of support; and

WHEREAS, Camp Kesem offers innovative, fun-filled programs which fosters a lasting community and aims to ensure that every child impacted by their parent’s cancer is never alone.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, Mayor Lee Brand and the Fresno City Councilmembers, do hereby thank the California State University, Fresno Chapter of Camp Kesem for their dedication and compassionate efforts in providing a safe haven for children and for being a child’s friend though and beyond a parent’s cancer;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we, Mayor Lee Brand and the Fresno City Councilmembers, do hereby proclaim Thursday, May 2, 2019 to be:

“Camp Kesem Day”

in the City of Fresno.