

# CITY OF FRESNO

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*Office of Councilmember Esmeralda Soria*

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***Is hereby presented to the:***

## ***North Fresno Lions Club***

***WHEREAS,*** *The North Fresno Lions Club was chartered on November 3, 1949 marking this year as the club's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The North Fresno Lions Club is dedicated to giving sight, serving the youth, awarding grants, aiding during disasters, and promoting civic and community engagement; and*

***WHEREAS,*** *The North Fresno Lions embraced the mission given to Lions International by Hellen Keller to serve as Knights for the Blind by collecting 10,000+ used eyeglasses annually and distributing them worldwide through sight and medical missions. Locally they provide children and adults with paid exams, eyeglasses, and even sponsor needed eye surgeries and corneal implants; and*

***WHEREAS,*** *North Fresno Lions have worked actively with the youth of Fresno to promote patriotism, civic understanding, and volunteerism by providing them with scholarships and many opportunities to become involved. This is done through annual Flag Day events at schools, an annual Student Speakers' Contest, and Camper-ships for diabetics, cancer survivors, and disabled children; and*

***WHEREAS,*** *From 2018-2019 alone, the North Fresno Lions dedicated over 400 service hours on 12 different service projects. In over 70 years of supporting local non-profits and charities, the North Fresno Lions have raised well over \$1,000,000 for places like the Central California Food Bank, Hinds Hospice, Poverello House, Marjaree Mason Center, Valley Center for Blind, and Habitat for Humanity.*

***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,*** *that the City of Fresno Mayor and City Council does hereby proclaim November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 to be:*

## ***“North Fresno Lions Club 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of November 2019.*

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**LEE BRAND,** *Honorable Mayor*

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**PAUL CAPRIOGLIO,** *Council President, District 4*

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**MIGUEL ARIAS,** *Council Vice-President, District 3*

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**ESMERALDA SORIA,** *Councilmember, District 1*

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**MIKE KARBASSI,** *Councilmember, District 2*

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**LUIS CHAVEZ,** *Councilmember, District 5*

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**GARRY BREDEFELD,** *Councilmember, District 6*

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**NELSON ESPARZA,** *Councilmember, District 7*