

CITY OF FRESNO

Office of Councilmember Esmeralda Soria

Is hereby presented to:

Best Babies Zone

WHEREAS, World Prematurity Day is celebrated internationally on November 17th, it acknowledges the journey of preterm infants and their families with the goal of raising awareness to the challenges brought on by premature birth and the complications that it brings; and

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. November 17, 2019, is designated as World Prematurity Day as a part of the Every Woman Every Child initiative; and

WHEREAS, Fresno County has one of the highest rates of premature births in California where one in every nine babies being born is born prematurely. Best Babies Zone has selected Fresno to be a part of their 4th cohort, making it the second California city to be chosen. Best Babies Zone is a place based initiative focused on addressing birth equity in the African American community; and

WHEREAS, Various organizations in Fresno County, including government agencies, businesses, schools, colleges, churches, non-profit organizations, hospitals, clinics, and others are working to improve the health of mothers and babies to help prevent premature births in Fresno County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Fresno Mayor and City Council does hereby recognize November 17th, 2019 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 14th day of November 2019.

LEE BRAND, Honorable Mayor

PAUL CAPRIOGLIO, Council President District 4

MIGUEL ARIAS, Council Vice President District 3

ESMERALDA SORIA, Councilmember District 1

MIKE KARBASSI, Councilmember District 2

LUIS CHAVEZ, Councilmember District 5

GARY BREDEFELD, Councilmember District 6

NELSON ESPARZA, Councilmember District 7