

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA IN SUPPORT OF ESTABLISHING  
A CITY-WIDE RISING YOUTH AWARD AND CEREMONY  
TO BE HOSTED AT CITY HALL

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno recognizes the importance of youth civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2015, through Ordinance 2015-17, the Council of the City of Fresno (City Council) created the Fresno Youth Commission as an advisory board to the City Council and Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno Youth Commission heard about the lack of young people being civically engaged in the city of Fresno through a presentation by the Civic Education Center; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno acknowledges that building civic engagement experience in youth allows them to become engaged in local government, empowers youth in making a difference, develops a sense of self-efficacy, and builds character, confidence, and competence; and

WHEREAS, the Fresno City Council supports civic youth engagement, allow the City of Fresno Youth Commission to present the award, and hold an awards ceremony at Fresno City Hall and

WHEREAS; the Rising Youth Award will be awarded by the City of Fresno to youth that have excelled in the creation and implementation of their civic project for the purpose of encouraging youth city-wide to become civically engaged; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Fresno as follows:

1. The City Council hereby establishes the City of Fresno Rising Youth Award and authorizes the Fresno Youth Commission to select award recipients, and Councilmember Nelson Esparza or councilmember appointee to oversee the award program, as outlined in Exhibit A. Awards shall be presented at a regular meeting of the Council.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
COUNTY OF FRESNO ) ss.  
CITY OF FRESNO )

I, YVONNE SPENCE, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, at a regular meeting held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2019.

AYES :  
NOES :  
ABSENT :  
ABSTAIN :

YVONNE SPENCE, MMC CRM  
City Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
DOUGLAS T. SLOAN  
City Attorney

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Laurie Avedisian-Favini Date  
Assistant City Attorney

Attachment: Exhibit A

## **Exhibit A**

The Fresno Youth Commission shall select up to two award recipients per year based on the criteria below. In its discretion, the Fresno Youth Commission may form a committee, whether standing or ad hoc, to review applications and select award recipients.

### Year 1

Recipients of this award will be youth that are 13-21 years of age who have organized and conducted a civic engagement project that has created a significant change in the Fresno community. If successful, the Civic Engagement Committee will open up to other age groups determined by review.

### Year 2

Pending successful review of year 1, recipients of this award will be expanded to youth ages 11-13.

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