

CITY OF FRESNO

Office of Councilmember Esmeralda Soria

Is hereby presented in honor of:

Transgender Day of Visibility

WHEREAS, *The transgender, non-conforming, and non-binary community remain a valuable part of our national and local citizenry. Members of the transgender community continue to break down barriers in every facet of society; and*

WHEREAS, *This day is meant to shed a positive light on and draw attention to the numerous accomplishments of the transgender members that contribute to the Central Valley's LGBTQIA+ community. They continue to raise awareness, encourage inclusiveness, and integration through numerous Pride festivals and events throughout Fresno. Together with The Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission, they have worked endlessly to raise awareness about healthcare access. In partnership with Trans-E-Motion, they provide a safe space for transgender individuals to find the support and resources they need; and*

WHEREAS, *The need for visibility is vital because it fosters the acceptance and equality of all genders and gender non-conforming people. Acceptance creates a sense of belonging and fairness and elevates everyone forward to a just society. Positive visibility is crucial in counteracting the disproportionate amount of violence that transgender and gender non-conforming people face across the world and those closer to home. We must address and assist our members of the LGBTQIA+ community facing discrimination and violence through social and political institutions and continue to fight to achieve fairness for our transgender community; and*

WHEREAS, *In the City of Fresno, transgender individuals have helped pave the way for future generations of LGBTQIA+ members of society by celebrating their identities without the fear of discrimination and judgment. The City of Fresno opposes any oppression and discrimination, diminishing the quality of life for any resident or visitor. We use this day to promote the empowerment of the transgender community as it also recognizes and celebrates their strength in the face of adversity.*

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, *that the City of Fresno Mayor and City Council does hereby proclaims April 8, 2021 to be:*

“Transgender Day of Visibility”

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 8th day of April 2021.

JERRY DYER, Honorable Mayor

LUIS CHAVEZ, Council President, District 5

NELSON ESPARZA, Council Vice President, District 7

ESMERALDA SORIA, Councilmember, District 1

MIKE KARBASSI, Councilmember, District 2

MIGUEL ARIAS, Councilmember, District 3

TYLER MAXWELL, Councilmember, District 4

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