

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the month of May is Water Awareness Month in the Golden State of California and the City of Fresno joins with the **Central Valley Water Awareness Committee**, composed of local urban and agricultural water communities, to work to increase the understanding of water conservation; and

WHEREAS, Water Awareness Month was established during one of California's worst droughts from 1987 to 1992, to promote practical information that helps to ensure that the Golden State maintains a plentiful supply of clean water to drink, grow food, power the state's economy, and sustain the environment. It is important to develop and promote wise water use among the general public, business, and industry; and

WHEREAS, Water Awareness Month is more important than ever, as the impacts of the ongoing drought are felt statewide in California and access to reliable and adequate water supply sources is vital to the City of Fresno's thriving economy, residents' quality of life, wildlife, and a healthy environment; and

WHEREAS, water is California's most precious natural resource and essential for our farms, businesses, and communities and therefore we must manage its use appropriately; and

WHEREAS, home water use can be significantly reduced by finding and repairing leaks, replacing inefficient showers, toilets, and washing machines, and adopting water conservation practices; and

WHEREAS, every business, industry, school, and citizen can make a difference when it comes to wise use of water, and thus promote a healthy economy and community;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, Mayor Lee Brand and the Fresno City Councilmembers, encourage all citizens to join us in learning more about Water Awareness and encourage all Californians to make conservation a daily habit and join us in supporting local water organizations in their efforts to help Californians be water aware.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we, Mayor Lee Brand and the Fresno City Councilmembers, do hereby proclaim the month of May and all year long to be:

"Water Awareness Month"

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 10th day of May 2018.

LEE BRAND, Honorable Mayor

ESMERALDA SORIA, Council President

STEVE BRANDAU, Council Vice President

OLIVER BAINES III, Councilmember District 3

PAUL CAPRIOLLO, Councilmember District 4

LUIS CHAVEZ, Councilmember District 5

