



FRED ZIARI DAY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, IRZ Consulting has become a global leader in irrigation engineering, water management and energy conservation; and

WHEREAS, Fred and IRZ have developed algorithms and irrigation designs that have saved regional growers millions of dollars and billions of gallons of water per year; and

WHEREAS, IRZ documents water conservation of over 10 billion gallons and 35 megawatt hours of energy each year; and

WHEREAS, IRZ projects now reach into over 30 different countries; and

WHEREAS, Fred founded the non-profit, Farmers Ending Hunger, which has distributed more than 35 million pounds of food products through Oregon and Washington food banks; and

WHEREAS, Fred was inducted into the Oregon State University's Agricultural Hall of Fame in 2002 for his tremendous impact on the agricultural industry; and

WHEREAS, all these irrigation innovations have contributed to the strength and stability of the Greater Hermiston economy; and

WHEREAS, IRZ Consulting was founded in Hermiston by Fred Ziari with his great vision and creativity 40 years ago this month.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dr. Dave Drotzmann, Mayor of Hermiston, Oregon do hereby proclaim May 7th, 2024 as "Fred Ziari Day" in the City of Hermiston as a recognition of Fred Ziari and IRZ Consulting's tremendous positive impact on Hermiston and the surrounding region.

SIGNED this 22nd day of April, 2024

Dr. David Drotzmann, Mayor