

**PROCLAMATION HONORING BARBARA RODRIGUEZ
AS CITIZEN OF THE YEAR FOR 2024**

WHEREAS, Barbara Rodriguez was born in January 1947 in Pennsylvania, later moving to Los Fresnos in 1961, where she began her lifelong dedication to serving others, starting with rescuing animals in need; and

WHEREAS, Barbara graduated from Los Fresnos High School in 1965, actively participating in community volunteering during her school years; and

WHEREAS, after graduation, she returned to Pennsylvania, working for a telephone company where her bilingual skills allowed her to assist Spanish-speaking customers, exemplifying her commitment to helping others; and

WHEREAS, Barbara married in 1961 and moved back to Los Fresnos in 1983, where she raised her son and extended her community service by volunteering with the Little League, always willing to contribute where needed; and

WHEREAS, during the 1980s, Barbara volunteered as an EMT, bravely facing challenging situations while learning valuable skills and providing critical care to those in need; and

WHEREAS, Barbara devoted 19 years of service to the Los Fresnos Dental Clinic before retiring, all while continuing her volunteer efforts in the community; and

WHEREAS, Barbara has achieved the status of Master Naturalist and Master Gardener through the Texas A&M program, sharing her knowledge and passion for the environment and sustainability; and

WHEREAS, as a dedicated Sunday School teacher at First Baptist Church, Barbara has continued to guide and inspire others through her faith and generosity; and

WHEREAS, Barbara is a compassionate and tireless advocate for the community, always willing to rehome clothes, food, and other items to those in need, and she demonstrates her pride in Los Fresnos by picking up litter, pulling weeds, and maintaining the town's parks and public spaces; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Rodriguez embodies the values of compassion, service, and dedication, continually striving to uplift and improve the lives of others and the image of Los Fresnos;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS FRESNOS, TX that Barbara Rodriguez is recognized as the 2024 Citizen of the Year for the City of Los Fresnos.

Given under my hand and the seal of the City of Los Fresnos, this **21st** day of January, 2025.

Alejandro Flores, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jacqueline Moya, City Secretary