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## BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COUNTY OF FRESNO STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-181** 

IN THE MATTER OF RECOGNIZING WORLD BOXING CHAMPION )
JOSE CARLOS RAMIREZ FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO FRESNO)
COUNTY AND PROCLAIM JULY 2, 2021 AS JOSE RAMIREZ DAY )
IN FRESNO COUNTY

WHEREAS, Jose Carlos Ramirez was born and raised in the City of Avenal, in the heart of the San Joaquin Valley and worked hard in the fields with his family recognizing early on the importance of water, immigrants and their communities; and

WHEREAS, Jose began boxing at the age of 8 years old and won his first amateur bout, he then competed in the U. S. Nationals at age 15, the Junior Olympics at 16 and became an U. S. Olympian in 2012 at the age of 20 years old; and

WHEREAS, As a professional fighter Jose signed with Top Rank Boxing and to date has won 26 professional bouts capturing the WBO Super Lightweight World Championship and the WBC Super Lightweight World Championship; he successfully defended those titles twice; and

WHEREAS, Jose Ramirez fights are not confined to the boxing ring as he fights for a "cause" dedicating each bout to promote the future of agriculture and agriculture workers in the San Joaquin Valley. He began by bringing recognition for the need of more water and storage in a drought-ridden San Joaquin Valley by promoting a series of "Fight for Water I to VII" boxing events from 2013 to 2017. Jose's following fights have been dedicated to food, jobs, immigration reform, Cancer, and education. He has also established a scholarship at California State University Fresno; and

WHEREAS, Jose has proven himself to be a true champion not only in the boxing ring but in his dedication and commitment to the citizens of Fresno County and a true advocate for the agricultural industry of the San Joaquin Valley.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby congratulate Jose and wish him continued success in his boxing career and express their appreciation for all of his contributions to our citizens and the agricultural community by proudly proclaiming July 2, 2021, as "Jose Carlos Ramirez Day" in Fresno County.

**THE FOREGOING,** was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2021, to-wit:

AYES:

Supervisors Brandau, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero

NOES:

None

ABSENT: ABSTAINED:

None None

> Steve Brandau, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno

ATTEST:

BERNICE E. SEIDEL

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors County of Fresno, State of California