



A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO
EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE
CLAUDE C. "POP" LAVAL PHOTOGRAPHY COLLECTION

WHEREAS, CLAUDE C. "POP" LAVAL shot more than 100,000 photographs documenting life throughout the San Joaquin Valley beginning in 1910 and continuing until his death in 1966, thus making the Collection one of the largest and most comprehensive records of any region in the United States. Laval brought the first movie camera to the Valley in 1914 and introduced the smokeless flash to the area. His body of work also includes much of the first aerial mapping of much of the western United States; and

WHEREAS, "POP" LAVAL's surviving archive chronicles more than 55 years of history, representative of the growth and development that was occurring across the United States in the first half of the 20th century; and

WHEREAS, The "POP" LAVAL Collection is in dire need of immediate restoration to preserve this irreplaceable legacy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Fresno is proud to proclaim the historical body of work taken by Claude C. "Pop" Laval a local Valley treasure and vows to encourage public support and efforts to facilitate the preservation of this unique Collection so that it may be available to educate and inspire the citizens of the San Joaquin Valley for generations to come.

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF FRESNO) ss
CITY OF FRESNO)

I, REBECCA E. KLISCH, CMC, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, California, at a regular meeting held on the 4th day of June, 2009.

REBECCA E. KLISCH, CMC
City Clerk

By Rebecca E. Klisch
~~Deputy~~

Ayes : Borgeas, Brand, Dages, Perea, Westerlund, Xiong, Sterling
Noes : None
Absent : None
Abstain : None

Adopted _____
Approved 6/4/09
Effective _____