



Proclamation

Ellie's Day

Whereas, on January 23, 2002, Maria "Ellie" Lopez was born and welcomed with love by her parents Maria and Jaime who raised her in Tulare, California along with her sister, Denisse.

Whereas, Ellie attended and graduated from Mission Oak High School and is currently involved in the Academic Collaborative for Exceptional Learners (AcCEL) program offered through Tulare County Office of Education.

Whereas, Ellie's family describes her as brave, strong, creative, and someone who can always be seen with a smile and has an outgoing attitude.

Whereas, Ellie enjoys drawing, especially police cars, fire trucks, and her favorite characters, Pikachu and Alvin and the Chipmunks. She also enjoys playing board games, soccer, going for walks, and spending time with family, especially her nephew, Diego.

Whereas, in November of 2017, Ellie was diagnosed with Leukemia at Valley Children's Hospital in Madera where she completed her treatment in December of 2019.

Whereas, Ellie remains triumphant after her fight with cancer and continues to get better with the support of her family and the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the City Council of the City of Tulare, does hereby proclaim that the day of **May 18, 2022** will be **Ellie's Day** in the City of Tulare in recognition of her bravery and positive attitude in the face of adversity.

Dated this 17th day of May, 2022


Dennis A. Mederos, Mayor


Terry A. Sayre, Vice Mayor


Jose Sigala, Councilmember


Stephen C. Harrell, Councilmember


Patrick Isherwood, Councilmember