

**FROM THE OFFICE OF
COUNCIL PRESIDENT BLONG XIONG**

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, June 19, 2008 marks the Third Annual National Dump the Pump Day, a day that encourages people to ride public transportation to save money, conserve gasoline, and help reduce greenhouse gases;

WHEREAS, by “dumping the pump” and taking public transportation instead of driving a car, people can make a difference and help improve the environment;

WHEREAS, by “dumping the pump” and taking public transportation, people can save money consuming less gasoline and reduce our nation’s overall dependence on foreign oil;

WHEREAS, public transportation plays an important role in protecting air quality by reducing smog-producing pollutants and greenhouse gases;

WHEREAS, public transportation reduces the country’s carbon footprint by 37 million metric tons, the equivalent of 4.9 million households using electricity in a year;

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno, adopted “Operation Clean Air” in 2003, a regional initiative to take action to improve the Valley’s air quality;

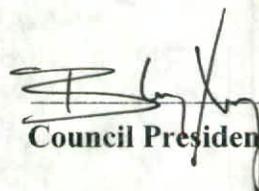
WHEREAS, the City of Fresno continues to implement and sustain programs and encourage use of public transportation to meet the goals of “Operation Clean Air”;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Blong Xiong, Council President of the City of Fresno, do hereby proclaim June 19, 2008 to be:

“NATIONAL DUMP THE PUMP DAY”

in the City of Fresno and that Fresno Area Express will join with transit agencies across the country and participate in the Third Annual National Dump the Pump Day to encourage transit ridership on June 19, 2008.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the City of Fresno, California, this 17th day of June, 2008.



Council President Blong Xiong