



# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS,** this year we celebrate the 49th anniversary of the enactment of the Federal Fair Housing Act of 1968 (Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act), passed by Congress on April 11, 1968; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Merced has identified the ensuring that all housing programs are available without discrimination as a goal in its consolidated plan and has supported Project Sentinel in its work to eliminate housing discrimination; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Merced supports state and federal protections against discrimination in the sale and rental of housing based on a person's race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, marital status, age, household composition, income, size, disability or any other arbitrary factor; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Merced supports the education of homeowners, realtors, property managers, homebuyers, and tenants regarding their rights and responsibilities under federal and state fair housing laws;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE MURPHY, Mayor** of the City of Merced, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2017 as "FAIR HOUSING MONTH," and encourage citizens and community organizations to celebrate the value of a diverse and harmonious community of neighbors.

Signed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2017.

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*Mike Murphy, Mayor of Merced*