

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-_____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF MERCED, CALIFORNIA,
AUTHORIZING THE DISPLAY OF
COMMEMORATIVE FLAGS ON THE CITY
FLAGPOLE IN BOB HART SQUARE DURING
THE MONTHS OF MAY, JUNE, AND
SEPTEMBER 2023**

WHEREAS, the City of Merced ("City") displays flags on City flagpoles in accordance with federal and state law; and,

WHEREAS, displays of flags on the City's flagpoles express the City's official sentiments; and,

WHEREAS, on July 6, 2021, the City Council adopted Administrative Policy C-7, Display of Flags at City Facilities, which establishes guidelines for the display of flags at City facilities, including commemorative flags; and,

WHEREAS, the display of flags at City facilities is solely intended to serve as an expression of the City's speech; and,

WHEREAS, at the December 19, 2022 City Council meeting, the City Council discussed and provided staff direction to accept commemorative flag proposals and to bring such proposals back to Council for consideration at the January 17, 2023 meeting; and,

WHEREAS on January 17, 2023, the City Council voted 6-1 in favor of displaying the Armed Forces Flag, a commemorative flag, for the month of May, the Pride Flag, a commemorative flag, for the month of June 2023, the POW/MIA Flag, a commemorative flag, for the month of September, and the Flag of Mexico, a commemorative flag, for September 15th and 16th at Bob Hart Square.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERCED DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE, FIND, AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Merced hereby authorizes the display of the Armed Forces Flag during May 2023, the Pride Flag during

June 2023, the POW/MIA Flag during September 2023, and the Flag of Mexico on September 15th and 16th 2023 at Bob Hart Square in accordance with Administrative Policy C-7.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Merced at a regular meeting held on the ____ day of _____ 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members:

NOES: Council Members:

ABSENT: Council Members:

ABSTAIN: Council Members:

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:
STEPHANIE R. DIETZ, CITY CLERK

BY: _____
Assistant/Deputy City Clerk

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney 1.30.23
Date