



Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** children and youth learn best when they are healthy, supported, and receive an education that enables them to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally; and
- WHEREAS,** schools can more effectively ensure that all students are able to learn when they meet the needs of the whole child and provide integrated, multi-tiered support; and
- WHEREAS,** children’s mental health is directly linked to their learning and development, and the learning environment provides an optimal context to promote good mental health through connectedness within the school and community; and
- WHEREAS,** sound psychologist principles are integral to instruction and learning, school safety, social and emotional development, prevention, early intervention, and support of culturally diverse student populations; and
- WHEREAS,** school psychologists are specially trained to foster and deliver, in the school and community, a continuum of mental health services and academic supports that lower barriers to teaching and learning; and
- WHEREAS,** school psychologists help children thrive by nurturing their individual strengths across both personal and academic endeavors; and
- WHEREAS,** school psychologists are trained to assess student and school-based barriers to learning and individual strengths, utilize data-based decision-making, implement research-driven prevention and intervention strategies, and evaluate outcomes and improve accountability; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Merced recognizes the vital role that school psychologists play in the personal academic development of our city’s children,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MATTHEW SERRATTO, Mayor of the City of Merced, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim November 11-15, 2024, to be “**SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST WEEK**” in the City of Merced.

Signed this 4th day of November 2024.

Matthew Serratto, Mayor of Merced