



Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes strong police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live; and
- WHEREAS,** the Merced Police Department, in partnership with local residents, businesses, and community organizations, has shown unwavering commitment to fostering relationships that enhance public safety and community well-being; and
- WHEREAS,** National Night Out provides a unique opportunity for the City of Merced to join thousands of communities across the nation in promoting police-community partnerships, crime prevention, and neighborhood unity; and
- WHEREAS,** the Merced Police Department plays a vital role in safeguarding the rights and safety of all citizens, and their active engagement during National Night Out reflects their dedication to building trust and transparency with the people they serve; and
- WHEREAS,** the event encourages residents to participate in block parties, cookouts, and community events with the shared goal of supporting local law enforcement and making Merced a safer place for all; and
- WHEREAS,** National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community and providing an excellent opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MATTHEW SERRATTO, Mayor of the City of Merced, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, August 5, 2025, as **"National Night Out"** in the City of Merced and urge all residents to participate in this year's National Night Out events to support the efforts of the Merced Police Department and to promote a stronger, safer, and more united Merced.

Signed this 18th day of August 2025.

Matthew Serratto, Mayor of Merced