



# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS,** Domestic violence against individuals and families continues to become more prevalent as a social problem; and,

**WHEREAS,** domestic violence crosses all cultural, racial, religious, gender, and socioeconomic barriers; and,

**WHEREAS,** Valley Crisis Center is holding their annual Peace for Families march against domestic violence; and,

**WHEREAS,** the purpose of this event is to bring awareness to the effects of domestic violence in the community; and,

**WHEREAS,** Valley Crisis Center provides education and prevention information and resources for individuals and families affected by domestic violence; and,

**WHEREAS,** we must work together to educate our community about domestic violence prevention, supporting survivors, and speaking out against harmful attitudes and actions.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE MURPHY, Mayor** of the City of Merced, hereby recognize the efforts of the Valley Crisis Center's Peace for Families March and call on all citizens to speak out against domestic violence and support local efforts to assist victims of these crimes in finding the help and the healing they need.

Signed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

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*Mike Murphy, Mayor of Merced*