



Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** CalPride Valle Central formerly known as (Somos Familia Valle Central) was created in 2022 because of the need for a Latinx LGBTQ+ focused space in the Central Valley; and
- WHEREAS,** CalPride Valle Central is dedicated to the empowerment of the LGBTQ+ community through intersectional advocacy, transparent education, and trauma informed care; and
- WHEREAS,** Our focus is on Peer support, Support groups for Queer youth, adults and seniors that are held throughout the month, Trans mentorship, Assisting with gender affirming care by navigating them to more resources throughout Merced County, STI/HIV Prevention - Education and providing rapid HIV/HCV/Syphilis testing every third Thursday of the month, Harm Reduction education and resources, and training education; and
- WHEREAS,** We are proud to host trainings for Merced County Behavioral Health and Recovery service staff, Probation, and Juvenile Justice, and Law Enforcement to better understand, support and have safe interactions with queer and especially trans individuals. As well as having contracts with Public Health for Sexual Health outreach and services for unhoused individuals; and
- WHEREAS,** We believe that creating safe and affirming spaces for the queer community starts from the inside as well and strengthening support compassion and understanding from cisgender heterosexual allies around Merced County.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MATTHEW SERRATTO, Mayor of the City of Merced hereby proclaim June 2025 as Pride Month in the City of Merced.

Signed this 2nd day of June 2025.

Matthew Serratto, Mayor of Merced