



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, multitiered supports; 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 psychological 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 psychology has more than 60 years of well established, widely recognized, and highly effective practice and standards that are clearly articulated in the National Association of School Psychologists' *Model for Comprehensive and Integrated School Psychological Services*; 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, make data-based decisions, implement research-driven prevention and intervention strategies, and evaluate outcomes and improve accountability; and
- WHEREAS,** Merced, California, should recognize the vital role that school psychologists play in the personal and 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, as School Psychology Month in Merced, California, and commend observance to all of our citizens.

Signed this 3rd day of November 2025

Matthew Serratto, Mayor of Merced