

## Proclamation

- **WHEREAS,** Merced County statistics showed that in the year 2021-22 alone that over 1,800 animals were euthanized in Merced County; and
- WHEREAS, Merced TNR was founded in November 2023. Our mission is to improve the living conditions for our feral or abandoned community felines and canines, provide foster services, low cost spay/neuter vouchers, and provide TNR services including educational materials on the process to Merced County; and
- **WHEREAS,** Merced TNR is partnering with the community, Central Valley rescues and other local businesses to provide a safe and healthy environment for our furry friends; and
- WHEREAS, Merced TNR has trapped, spayed/neutered/returned 86 felines. In addition, 11 canines were also spayed/neutered: thus saving approximately 906 lives. Merced TNR has also fostered 39 felines and canines with our invaluable volunteers; and
- **WHEREAS,** Merced TNR's volunteers provide countless hours of service to prevent neglect, overpopulation and harm to cats/dogs of Merced County; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, MATTHEW SERRATTO, Mayor** of the City of Merced, do hereby proclaim that the City of Merced honors the Merced TNR Program.


Signed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024