



# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS,** the month of March is affirmed as a Women's History month in United States, and Women's Day is celebrated globally on March 8th every year in honor of the remarkable contributions of women to our society; and,

**WHEREAS,** Women's Day is a day when people around the world come together to recognize the struggles of women and the achievements of women; and,

**WHEREAS,** Women's Day commemorates the inspiring role of women around the world to secure women's rights and build more equitable societies; and,

**WHEREAS,** Women's Day also remembers the voices of many women that go unheard and who continue to be dominated from securing their rights and realizing their full potential; and,

**WHEREAS,** International Women's Day honors the women who have paved the way to our progress and struggled to take 'womanhood' to a higher level, and,

**WHEREAS,** this day identifies the rights and power of women and gives them the stature they deserve,

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, MATTHEW SERRATTO, Mayor** of the City of Merced, on behalf of the City Council hereby proclaim the March 8<sup>th</sup> as a Day of Service in The City of Merced, and call upon it's citizens to pay tribute to the life and works of ALL Women through participation in community service projects on International Women's Day and throughout the year.

Signed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023.

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*Matthew Serratto, Mayor of Merced*