



# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS,** The National Quilting Association started National Quilting Day in 1991 and since then, it has grown into a global celebration for all quilt lovers and makers, and

**WHEREAS,** The Gateway Quilters' Guild was established in 1984 with the purpose and goal of promoting and perpetuating the art of quilting. The work of the guild is designed to benefit and educate all persons interested in preserving, continuing, and advancing this art. The guild encourages a high standard of designed technique in all forms of quilting, and promotes the art of quilting by sponsoring workshops and exhibits; and

**WHEREAS,** The Gateway Quilters' Guild has provided 250 to 300 quilts each year to those in need; including, Children's Protective Services, Veterans, UC Guardian Scholars, Red Cross, Nursing homes, and continues to expand in their community outreach by adding new projects, said project being the Dress A Girl Around the World; and

**WHEREAS,** Each year the Gateway Quilters' Guild offers two \$500 Scholarships for Merced Community College; and

**WHEREAS,** The Gateway Quilters' Guild is dedicated to the art of quilt making and to serving the community. The combination of the two has made for many years of comfort to children and adults in need. The City of Merced is grateful to the Gateway Quilters' Guild for their service to the community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, MATT SERRATTO, Mayor** of the City of Merced, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the Third Saturday of March of each year an asset to the City of Merced and declare March 15<sup>th</sup> as National Quilting Day in the City of Merced.

Signed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2025.

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*Matthew Serratto, Mayor of Merced*