



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the State of California has proclaimed the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of October as Code Enforcement Officer Appreciation Week, and

**WHEREAS**, Code Enforcement Officers provide for the safety, health, and welfare of citizens in the City of Merced through the enforcement of local, state, and federal laws and ordinances dealing with various issues of building, zoning, housing, animal control, environmental, health, and life safety; and

**WHEREAS**, Code Enforcement Officers have challenging and demanding roles and often do not receive recognition for the job they do in improving quality of life for residents and businesses of local communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the role of many Code Enforcement Officers has expanded in recent years with jurisdictions increasingly relying on the expertise and training of Code Enforcement Officers in their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Code Enforcement Officers are dedicated, highly qualified, and highly trained professionals who share the goals of preventing neighborhood deterioration, enhancing communities, ensuring safety, and preserving property values through knowledge, training, and application of housing, zoning, and nuisance laws; and

**WHEREAS**, Code Enforcement Officers often have a highly visible role in the City of Merced and regularly interact with the public and a variety of federal, state, county, and local officials in their capacity as code enforcement officers.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE MURPHY, Mayor** of the City of Merced, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim that the second week of October in 2018, and annually thereafter, be known as Code Enforcement Officer Appreciation Week in the City of Merced and for residents to join in recognizing and expressing their appreciation for the dedication and service by the individuals who serve as our Code Enforcement Officers.

Signed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2018.

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*Mike Murphy, Mayor of Merced*