



Proclamation

WHEREAS, more than 6 million pets end up homeless every year in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Merced SPCA was founded in 1969 as an organization to oversee the ethical treatment of farm animals in Merced County; and

WHEREAS, the Merced SPCA continues to provide daily care to over 70 colonies of Merced's homeless and abandoned animals; and

WHEREAS, Merced SPCA's Trap, Neuter and Return program prevented the births of over 11,000 unwanted kittens in 2024 and contributed to the reduction of the animal shelter's euthanasia rate; and

WHEREAS, Merced SPCA has vaccinated Merced's pets against fatal feline illnesses through their clinics; and

WHEREAS, in 2025 Merced SPCA has spayed and neutered 150 of Merced's feline pets through their low-cost program; and

WHEREAS, Merced SPCA's volunteers support Merced's homeless pets through donations of time and funds; and

WHEREAS, the Merced SPCA has rescued hundreds of animals and found loving homes for them; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Matthew Serratto, Mayor of the City of Merced, do hereby proclaim that in honor of National Pet month, that the City of Merced recognizes the Merced SPCA as a valued community organization that tirelessly advocates for the protection, compassionate care, and respect for Merced's homeless animals and pets.

Signed this 5th day of April 2025.

Matthew Serratto, Mayor of Merced