CITY OF MERCED

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REQUEST FOR DISPLAY OF COMMEMORATIVE FLAG FORM

NAME/ORGANIZATION: Central Valley Pride
TODAY'S DATE: 1/3/23

REASON FOR REQUEST FOR COMMEMORATIVE FLAG: Central Valley Pride would like to submit a proposal to raise a Pride Progress flag (same flag as last year) on one of the three flag poles at Bob Hart Square during National Pride month from Thursday, June 1, 2023 - Friday, June 30, 2023. We are requesting the annual Mayoral Proclamation of Pride be presented on June 1st as well at a ceremony hosted by Central Valley Pride.

The Progress Pride flag has the traditional rainbow colors on one side, transgender Pride colors on the other, and a black and brown stripe in the center to represent LGBTQ+ People of Color. Placing this flag in the heart of downtown Merced would serve to bring visibility, validity, and dignity to some of Merced's most disenfranchised and underserved individuals. Due to hate and bigotry, the LGBTQ+ community are at an increased risk of anxiety, depression, and suicide. The flag will serve as a beacon of hope, love, and the ultimate statement in community acceptance, just as it has in the past.

CITY FACILITY REQUESTED: Bob Hart Square flagpole

TIMEFRAME FOR DISPLAY OF FLAG: 6/1/23 - 6/30/23

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