



Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** in 1981, a small group of watercolor artists began showing their artwork together, eventually leading to the creation of Arbor Gallery to showcase their artwork and to promote art within the community; and
- WHEREAS,** the Arbor Gallery has always displayed artworks from some of the finest artists in Central California, and although local in residence, many of these artists have gained recognition throughout the United States by competing in juried shows, winning awards, and being featured in various publications. Their work is diversified in subject matter and medium reflecting each artist's unique style; and
- WHEREAS,** the Arbor Gallery holds several workshops in Merced each year, including plein air groups, the popular "Art & Spirits" event on the third Friday of each month from 5:30 to 8:30, the Life Drawing Class held on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month from noon to 2 PM, and active events from Arbor Gallery artists, such as, local studios, teaching ARTREE, painting utility boxes, food bank refrigerators, and murals on HWY 99 underpasses; and
- WHEREAS,** the name "Arbor Gallery" reflects the originating location with the Merced County Arts Council on Arbor Way; and
- WHEREAS,** since then, the Arbor Gallery has moved with the Merced County Arts Council three times, finally landing at its present location within the Merced Multicultural Arts Center (MAC) building on 645 West Main Street; and
- WHEREAS,** for more than 40 years later, the gallery is still a favorite shopping venue for purchase of original artworks including watercolor, oil and acrylic paintings, fabric art, pottery, photography, alcohol ink, wood bowls, charcuterie and cutting boards, glass, jewelry, and gift cards. Additionally, ornaments and craft items are sold during the different holiday seasons.
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Matthew Serratto, Mayor** of the City of Merced, do hereby proclaim March 25, 2023 as the Arbor Gallery's 40th Anniversary in the City of Merced, and urge all citizens to celebrate the Arbor Gallery's Anniversary Event.

Signed this 20th day of March, 2023

Matthew Serratto, Mayor of Merced