



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, and Asexual Pride celebrates human diversity and takes a position against discrimination; and

WHEREAS, The LGBTQIA+ community has worked tirelessly for respect, equality and their very right to exist. Their battles have been fought in the courts, from marriage equality to demanding equal protection under the law.

WHEREAS, LGBTQIA+ community members are historically more vulnerable to sanctioned violence than their heterosexual and cisgender counterparts and there is a need for more resources for LGBTQIA+ youth; and

WHEREAS, The City of Merced actively supports fostering inclusivity and re-affirmation of all its residents and acknowledges the efforts of the Central Valley Pride to move towards a unified City.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MATTHEW SERRATTO, Mayor of the City of Merced hereby proclaim June 2023 as LGBTQIA+ Pride Month in the City of Merced.

Signed this 5th day of June 2023.

Matthew Serratto, Mayor of Merced