



# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS,** Dwight Amey, a City Council Member, Civil Rights Leader, Pastor and mentor did share his gifts and talents with the Merced community; and

**WHEREAS,** Dwight Amey was born July 7, 1945 in Madera, California, served in the United States Army from 1968 to 1972, married Gwendolyn Wright on December 4, 1965; and

**WHEREAS,** Dwight Amey did Pastor New Faith Tabernacle from 1975 - 2017, where he poured into the lives of parishioners for over 40 years; and

**WHEREAS,** Among Mr. Amey's accomplishments were his strides in promoting equality, justice and unity, such as encouraging the renaming of J Street to Martin Luther King Jr. Way and helping to create the annual Martin Luther King Jr. March to honor the great civil rights pioneer; serving on the Merced City Council; instructing and mentoring young men through the Merced County Office of Education; and

**WHEREAS,** Dwight Amey was a member of a number of city commissions, nonprofit organizations, including Lions and Kiwanis Clubs, Merced Arts Council, Merced City Planning and Recreation Commissions and Citizens Advisory Committee, past President of NAACP and Friends of Merced Parks and Community Services, Chairman of the MLK Celebration Committee; and

**WHEREAS,** The City of Merced did honor him by naming a park at Blix Avenue and Albert Drive the Dwight Amey Neighborhood Park.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE MURPHY, Mayor** of the City of Merced, do hereby recognize DWIGHT AMEY for his civil rights leadership, his service in the United States Army and his investments in the community that have educated and improved the quality of life of the citizens of Merced.

Signed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March 2017.

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*Mike Murphy, Mayor of Merced*