



# *Proclamation*

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

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

**WHEREAS,** The City of Merced actively supports fostering inclusivity and re-affirmation of all its residents and acknowledges the efforts of the Merced LGBTQ+ Alliance to move towards a unified City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE MURPHY, Mayor** of the City of Merced, hereby recognize September 22-24 as Merced Pride Weekend.

Signed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

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*Mike Murphy, Mayor of Merced*