

**PROCLAMATION**  
**OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FOLSOM**  
**PROCLAIMING JULY 20-26, 2025**  
**AS**  
**“NATIONAL ZOOKEEPER WEEK” IN THE CITY OF FOLSOM**

**WHEREAS,** the Folsom City Zoo Sanctuary plays a key role in the City of Folsom’s goals to increase tourism, increase the quality of life of our residents, build community, and contribute to the City’s Distinctive by Nature attributes; and

**WHEREAS,** zookeepers significantly contribute to the zoo sanctuary’s mission statement of “Teaching Responsible Behavior Toward All Animals;” and

**WHEREAS,** zookeepers meet and exceed the rigorous requirements of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the United States Department of Agriculture; and

**WHEREAS,** zookeepers diligently care for the zoo sanctuary’s many rescued animals, comprised of 40 different species, all of which are animals who could not survive in the wild; and

**WHEREAS,** zookeepers possess unique and exceptional skills, enabling them to create behavioral enrichment items for the animals and use positive reinforcement training so that the animals may participate in their own vet care; and

**WHEREAS,** zookeepers work tirelessly to provide outstanding veterinary care, staying late and coming in early when animals are ill and require additional treatment; and

**WHEREAS,** zookeepers continuously demonstrate their unwavering dedication, including working weekends, holidays, and during any type of weather; and

**WHEREAS,** zookeepers educate and inspire youth about conservation, native wildlife and guide them into careers in the animal welfare field.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that, I, Sarah Aquino, Mayor of the City of Folsom, do hereby proclaim July 20-26, 2025, as “*National Zookeeper Week*” in the City of Folsom.

**PROCLAIMED** this 8<sup>th</sup> day of July 2025.

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Sarah Aquino, MAYOR