

**PROCLAMATION
OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FOLSOM
PROCLAIMING JULY 19-25, 2026**

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, 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 over 40 different species, all of which are animals that 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 all types of weather, as the animals still need to be fed and cared for; and

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, I, Justin Raithel, Mayor of the City of Folsom, do hereby proclaim July 19-25, 2026, as “*National Zookeeper Week*” in the City of Folsom.

PROCLAIMED this 14th day of July 2026.



Justin Raithel, MAYOR

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FOLSOM
DISTINCTIVE BY NATURE