

PROCLAMATION

OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FOLSOM
PROCLAIMING JULY 16-22, 2023

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, comprising 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 and holidays because even on Christmas day, the animals still need to be fed and cared for; and

WHEREAS, even in times of crisis, such as the pandemic when zookeepers were considered “essential workers,” they exhibited the highest levels of professionalism and creatively ensured that all of the animals’ needs were met despite limited resources and reduced staffing.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, I Rosario Rodriguez, Mayor of the City of Folsom, do hereby proclaim July 16-22, 2023 as “*National Zookeeper Week*” in the City of Folsom.

PROCLAIMED this 11th day of July 2023.

Attest:

Rosario Rodriguez, MAYOR

Christa Freemantle, CITY CLERK

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FOLSOM
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