



A PROCLAMATION IN REMEMBRANCE OF WILLIAM (BILL) STITH

WHEREAS, William (Bill) Stith was born on July 12, 1937, in Fresno, California, and moved with his family to Kerman at a young age, where he made Kerman his home, raised his family, and lived for over 65 years; and

WHEREAS, in 1958, Bill began his career with the Kerman Post Office, where he worked for 34 years, serving as one of Kerman's first mail carriers and also as Postmaster in Tranquility; and

WHEREAS, Bill served the community in many roles, including Chairman of the Harvest Festival in the 1960s, Grand Marshal in 2016, School Board President and Member, a Charter Member of the Regional Occupational Program (ROP), and a member of Kerman's Beautification Committee; and

WHEREAS, Bill loved his hometown and music, and founded and managed "The Mellowtones," through which he wrote the song "Kerman, The Town with a Heart"; and

WHEREAS, Bill was an avid tennis player until his mid-80's and an avid golfer up to 2025; and

WHEREAS, Bill's greatest accomplishments were being a devoted husband, a loving father, and a proud grandfather; and

WHEREAS, with Bill's passing at the age of 88, he leaves a legacy of faith, humor, family, service, and a deep love for his hometown of Kerman.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the City Council of the City of Kerman hereby recognizes and honors William (Bill) Stith for his lifelong service and contributions to the community, celebrates his life and lasting legacy, and extends its deepest condolences to his family and loved ones.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Kerman to be affixed on this 22th day of April, 2026.

Maria Pacheco,
Mayor

Gary Yep,
District 1 Mayor Pro Tem

Ismael Herrera,
District 3 Councilmember

Berdie Hall,
District 2 Councilmember

Raj Dhaliwal,
District 4 Councilmember