

PROCLAMATION

National Travel and Tourism Week

WHEREAS, the travel industry is essential to the success of every industry and will continue to be a critical part of Lodi's economy, development, and workforce; and

WHEREAS, travel is an economic powerhouse for every state and destination across the country, with an economic output of \$3 trillion, supporting 15 million American jobs; and

WHEREAS, travel spending supports vibrant and safe communities in Lodi and across the United States by generating \$92 billion in state and local tax revenue in 2025 to support essential services, such as education, emergency response, public safety and more; and

WHEREAS, travel enables success for all industries—including manufacturing, agriculture, defense, healthcare and more—by driving sales growth, innovation, education, and operations that power our economy, our nation, and Lodi; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, direct visitor spending in Lodi was \$277 million generating more than \$20 million in state and local taxes and supporting over 2,100 local jobs; and

WHEREAS, America's travel industry cannot be globally competitive without maximizing growth in domestic leisure, business, and international inbound travelers; increasing travel to and within the United States drives our economy to a more prosperous future and connects America; and

WHEREAS, one in every 11 U.S. jobs depends on travel, making it a critical driver of America's economy and a force for connection and opportunity; and

WHEREAS, travel is an essential industry, and we must continue to communicate that growing travel leads to economic growth, benefits businesses, fosters mutual understanding, and connects the nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Mikey Hothi, Mayor Pro Tempore of the City of Lodi, on behalf of Mayor Ramon Yopez, do hereby proclaim the week of May 3–9, 2026, as *National Travel and Tourism Week* in Lodi, and urge residents to join me in recognizing the essential role this industry plays in our community.

SIGNED on this 6th day of May, 2026.

Mikey Hothi,
Mayor Pro Tempore