

PROCLAMATION

LODI JUNIOR GIANTS

WHEREAS, the Lodi Junior Giants program provides free baseball and softball opportunities that encourage youth to develop confidence, leadership, teamwork, integrity, and healthy lifestyles while ensuring that every child has the opportunity to participate regardless of financial circumstances; and

WHEREAS, Junior Giants is the nation's largest free, noncompetitive youth baseball and softball program, serving more than 24,000 young people annually throughout California, Oregon, and Nevada through the support of the San Francisco Giants Community Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Lodi Junior Giants has grown into one of the largest Junior Giants leagues in the entire program and, in 2026, proudly serves 563 players on 36 teams, made possible through the dedication of more than 50 volunteer coaches and volunteers, as well as three Junior Giants Ambassadors serving through the AmeriCorps program who work alongside City of Lodi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services staff to administer the league; and

WHEREAS, in 2026, the Lodi Junior Giants program reached another milestone by becoming one of the inaugural communities selected to offer a dedicated Special Olympics Division through a partnership between Junior Giants and Special Olympics Northern California, creating new opportunities for athletes with intellectual disabilities to participate, build friendships, develop skills, and experience the joy of being part of a team; and

WHEREAS, the success of the Lodi Junior Giants would not be possible without the dedication of volunteer coaches, team parents, City staff, community partners, and families whose service creates lasting memories and positive experiences for local youth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Ramón Yepez, Mayor of the City of Lodi, do hereby recognize and celebrate the Lodi Junior Giants and extend sincere appreciation to all players, volunteers, families, coaches, and supporters for their commitment to enriching the lives of Lodi's youth and strengthening our community through the power of play, inclusion, and service.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that the City of Lodi congratulates the Lodi Junior Giants on another outstanding season and thanks all those who continue to make this exceptional program one of the premier Junior Giants leagues in the region.

SIGNED on this 15th day of July, 2026.

Ramón Yepez,
Mayor, City of Lodi