

# PROCLAMATION

## *National Volunteers Week*

- WHEREAS,** the City of Lodi is fortunate to have many volunteers throughout the City assisting in providing the very best service to our community; and
- WHEREAS,** Public Library volunteers assist as tutors, coaches, and instructors; handle general library needs and serve on several boards; and
- WHEREAS,** Public Works Department volunteers donate their time to accomplish specific projects from the Coastal Cleanup to the Storm Drain Detectives; and
- WHEREAS,** the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Department has more than 2,000 volunteers who assist with its youth and adult sports programs, scout programs, boards, committees, commissions, and foundations; and
- WHEREAS,** Lodi City Employees Association volunteers have participated in many community events throughout Lodi; and
- WHEREAS,** Lodi Fire has two volunteer chaplains who are available 24 hours a day to talk with, pray for, and minister to those in need or who have experienced the death or serious injury of a loved one; and
- WHEREAS,** the Lodi Animal Shelter has 20 volunteers who selflessly dedicate their time, energy, and compassion to the care and well-being of animals in need; and
- WHEREAS,** the Police Cadet Program engages local youth volunteers to gain valuable experience during their high school and college years, with many transitioning into a full-time career in law enforcement; and
- WHEREAS,** Police Chaplaincy Program members provide daily support for Lodi Police Department personnel and the residents of Lodi, administering emergency response, and providing emotional support and assistance; and
- WHEREAS,** the Partners Foundation has contributed 32 years of service to the Lodi Police Department, patrolling city streets, parks, and schools; and
- WHEREAS,** we also thank the community volunteers who serve behind the scenes on many other boards and commissions; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Ramon Yopez, Mayor of the City of Lodi, do hereby proclaim the week of April 19-25, 2026, as *National Volunteers Week* and extend our most profound appreciation to the many outstanding volunteers and Board Members who have provided volunteer service to improve the quality of life for all members of our community.

**SIGNED** this 15th day of April, 2026.

Ramon Yopez  
Mayor, City of Lodi