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The Merced LGBTQ+ Alliance would like to submit a proposal to hang a Pride Progress flag on one of the three flag poles at Bob Hart Sq. during national Pride month from Monday, June 1st to Wednesday, to Wednesday, June 30th. We are requesting the annual Mayoral Proclamation of Pride be presented on June 1st as well as there is a council meeting scheduled for that evening.

The Progress Pride flag has the traditional rainbow colors on one side, Transgender Pride colors on the other, and a black and brown stripe in the center to represent LGBTQ+ People of Color. Placing this flag in the heart of downtown Merced would serve to bring visibility, validity and dignity to some of Merced's most disenfranchised and underserved individuals. Because of the pandemic individuals within the LGBTQ+ community have been isolated from one another, increasing the risk of anxiety, depression, and suicide. With no in-person Pride event planned during this time our hope is that this flag will serve as a beacon of hope and the ultimate statement in community acceptance. Thank you.



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