



Proclamation

Homeless Youth Awareness Month

November 2024

Whereas, PEVAIL works diligently to increase public awareness of runaway and homeless youth by advocating to provide positive and safe alternatives to runaway and homeless youth and their families; and

Whereas, runaway and homeless youth are young people who are deeply in need of resources and opportunities but do not always have access to those resources and 1 in 30 adolescents ages 13-17 experience some form of homelessness, unaccompanied by a parent or guardian, over the course of a year; and

Whereas, in San Joaquin County alone there is an estimated 100 youth who are homeless every night coming from every life circumstance and sharing an experience of home environments that are unsafe and unhealthy; and

Whereas, to help prevent youth from running away families and communities must understand the facts about runaway youth, help youth protect themselves, assure youth of the opportunities and support available, and act as mentors and role models for youth by guiding them toward available resources and safe, healthy, productive choices; and

Now, Therefore, I, Gary Singh, Mayor of the City of Manteca, on behalf of City Council, do recognize the Month of November 2024, as Homeless Youth Awareness Month. In recognition of the important work done to support local youth programs, services, shelters, and community partners, I encourage all citizens to dedicate themselves to joining PEVAIL to end youth homelessness.

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Mayor Gary Singh