## **PROCLAMATION**

## NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTH OCTOBER 2023

WHEREAS, change is constant and affects all cities, towns, suburbs, counties, boroughs, townships, rural areas, and other places in the State of California; and

**WHEREAS**, community planning and plans can help manage this change in a way that provides better choices for how people work, reside, recreate and otherwise live; and

**WHEREAS**, community planning provides an opportunity for all residents to be meaningfully involved in making choices that determine the future of their community; and

**WHEREAS**, the full benefits of planning require public officials and community members who understand, support, and demand excellence in planning and plan implementation; and

**WHEREAS**, community planners work to improve the well-being of all people living in our communities by taking a comprehensive perspective which leads to safer, resilient, more equitable, and more prosperous communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the month of October is designated as National Community Planning Month throughout the United States of America and its territories; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Planning Association and its professional institute, the American Institute of Certified Planners, endorse National Community Planning Month as an opportunity to highlight the contributions sound planning and plan implementation make to the quality of our settlements and environment, and assuring their sustainability; and

**WHEREAS**, the celebration of National Community Planning Month gives us the opportunity to publicly recognize the participation and dedication of the members of the planning commission, elected officials, and the many community members who contribute their time and expertise to the improvement of the City of Menifee and to extend our appreciation for their continued commitment to public service.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Mayor Bill Zimmerman, on behalf of the Menifee City Council do herby proclaim the month of October 2023 as **National Community Planning Month**. I urge all citizens to join with representatives of the American Planning Association and government agencies in activities, events, and ceremonies designed to pay tribute to our planning professionals, managers, and employees and to recognize the substantial contributions they make to create a healthy, vibrant, and connected community for everyone.

Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023.



BILL ZIMMERMAN, MAYOR