

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-17**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GILROY  
APPROVING A COUNCIL POLICY REGARDING THE DISPLAY OF  
FLAGS AT CITY FACILITIES**

**WHEREAS**, The City of Gilroy (“City”) displays and handles all flags in accordance with Federal and State Law; and

**WHEREAS**, The City does not have local rules or guidelines regarding the display of flags at City facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, The City wishes to adopt a policy to provide clear guidelines about the display of flags at City facilities that declares that the City's flagpoles are not intended to be a forum for free expression by the public but rather are used to express official views of the City Council of the City; and

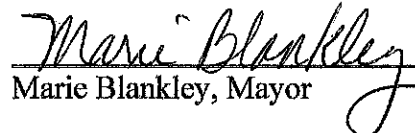
**WHEREAS**, Said City facilities and flagpoles are under the exclusive control of the City and are not public forums for the free expression of the views of the public.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Gilroy hereby approves and adopts the policy for the display of flags at City facilities contained in Exhibit A attached hereto.

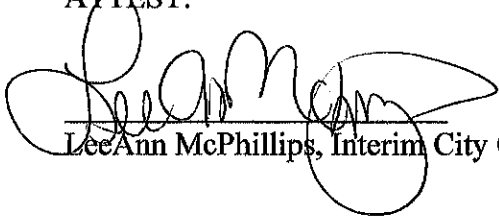
**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021 by the CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GILROY by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	ARMENDARIZ, BRACCO, HILTON, LEROE-MUÑOZ, MARQUES, TOVAR, BLANKLEY
NOES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	NONE
ABSENT:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	NONE

APPROVED:

  
Marie Blankley, Mayor

ATTEST:



LeeAnn McPhillips, Interim City Clerk

## Exhibit A

### CITY OF GILROY POLICY FOR FLYING FLAGS AT CITY FACILITES

It is the policy of the City of Gilroy that the City's flag poles are not intended to serve as a forum for free expression by the public but rather for the display of the Flags of the United States and the State of California. The flag poles located at all City facilities may also be used to display the flags of the City of Gilroy, Sister Cities, and any Commemorative Flags as may be authorized by the City Council as an expression of the City's official sentiments.

A Commemorative Flag under this policy means a flag that identifies with a specific date, historical event, cause, nation or group of people, whereby the City honors or commemorates the date, event, cause, nation or people by flying the flag.

Commemorative Flags shall be displayed at City facilities only upon City Council direction, consistent with the City's vision, mission, and ongoing and strategic priorities.

The City of Gilroy will hold a ceremony for every approved flag raising upon the first raising of the set flag, participation from the Mayor and Council shall be voluntary, the City will provide podium, audio, electricity, and seating. The event shall be coordinated by the sponsoring council member and be held on the first business day of the corresponding month.

#### PROCEDURE

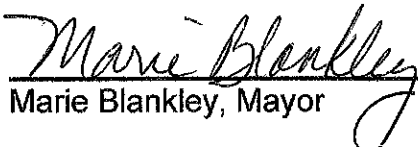
In addition to the flags of the State of California and the United States of America, the City Council may, by resolution, direct City staff to display any Commemorative Flag on the flag poles at City facilities as an expression of the City's official sentiments, for those dates and times and on those terms and conditions as set forth in the resolution.

Commemorative Flags shall be displayed for a period of time that is reasonable or customary for the subject that is to be commemorated, but no longer than 30 continuous days or one calendar month.

No more than one commemorative flag shall be displayed in any given period.

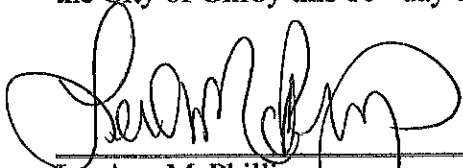
This Policy shall remain in effect until modified by the City Council.

APPROVED:

  
Marie Blankley, Mayor

I, LeeAnn McPhillips, Interim City Clerk of the City of Gilroy, do hereby certify that the attached Resolution No. 2021-17 is an original resolution, or true and correct copy of a city Resolution, duly adopted by the Council of the City of Gilroy at a regular meeting of said held on Council held on the 17<sup>th</sup> day May, 2021, at which meeting a quorum was present.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Official Seal of the City of Gilroy this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.



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LeeAnn McPhillips  
Interim City Clerk of the City of Gilroy

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