

# Proclamation of the Mayor of the City of Lemoore

In Remembrance of:

## The Victims of Tragedy Northgate Apartments, 2007

Whereas, The City of Lemoore - its Citizens, Council Members and staff grieve and remain to this day in shock over the tragic loss of lives at the Northgate Apartment Complex in the early hours of Saturday morning, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Michell Mattison and her fiancé Derek Faubion, their child Hayden Faubion, and Michell's younger brother Ariel Bisnar and sister Lexus Bisnar will be mourned and missed by many; and,

Whereas, The people of this community want to reach out to the families of those affected by this inconceivable event; not only the families that lost their beloved children, but to all six families that lost their homes and belongings as well; and,

Whereas, Lemoore Christian Aid is leading a local effort to take donations such as furniture and household items and to store these donations on-site at the Lemoore Presbyterian Church until they are distributed to those families that have been displaced and the Salvation Army Church in Hanford will also be taking donations of durable goods, canned food and any other items on behalf of the affected families and the City thanks them for their assistance; and,

Whereas, The American Red Cross has been, quite simply, the model for disaster relief and should be recognized as such for their delivered services. The ARC provided on-site personnel within 45 minutes of the 911 call; they established a temporary shelter for the displaced by 4:00 am that very morning; they provided for the basic needs of survivors and will provide for future needs for the family suffering the unimaginable loss; and,

Whereas, Two bank accounts have been established at the California Stockmens Bank and cash donations can be made to a Fire Victims fund and to the Bisnar Family directly; and,

Whereas, Not enough can be said about the heroic efforts of the Lemoore Volunteer Fire Department, the Kings County Fire Department, the Lemoore Police Department, the Lemoore Volunteers in Policing and the numerous citizens that reacted in an instant to an unthinkable tragedy.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the City Council of the City of Lemoore does hereby offer condolences and prayers to the families that lost so much, and does, on this sad day, recognize a heightened sense of community and a spirit of giving that can only come from the human heart.

In Witness Whereof, I John Murray, Mayor of the City of Lemoore, have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City to be affixed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2007.

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John F. Murray, Mayor