



**Mayor's Proclamation**  
**Recognizing Feast of Lanterns Week**  
**July 21 through July 27, 2019**

**WHEREAS**, the Feast of Lanterns, dates to 1905, when Methodist summer campers closed their retreat with fireworks and a Lantern parade across the beach; and

**WHEREAS**, the celebration was changed by the participation of Chinese fishermen from nearby China Point, who sent gaily lit boats to the festival, in conjunction with the display of lighted lanterns, the boat parade that moves across the bay, family entertainment, and fireworks over the cove with the original Feast of Lanterns; and

**WHEREAS**, the Feast of Lanterns 2019 theme is "Lanterns From All Nations Make A Brighter World", we recognize the community service performed by the Royal Court and Royal Guard, including elegant costumes, teas, fashion shows, and the Legend of the Blue Willow enacted by the Royal Court and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, the Feast of Lanterns as a longstanding annual community tradition, commemorating over 100 years of history, the community gathering of residents and visitors, as the closing ceremonies to the Chautauqua Assembly; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Bill Peake, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Pacific Grove do hereby proclaim July 21 through July 27, 2019 as Feast of Lanterns Week commemorating and celebrating the rich history and culture of our City.

*Bill Peake*

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**Bill Peake, Mayor**  
**City of Pacific Grove**