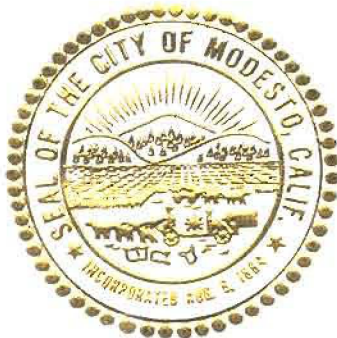


Proclamation

SUPPORTING THE REQUEST FOR POLICY CHANGES BY THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF PRISONS TO PROVIDE SAFER WORKING CONDITIONS TO CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS

- WHEREAS, *the recent murder of Correctional Officer Jose Rivera while working at the United States Penitentiary – Atwater (USP-Atwater) has raised serious concerns about the working conditions and policies at the USP-Atwater; and*
- WHEREAS, *local communities surrounding USP-Atwater deserve a reasonable level of protection from inmates confined in USP-Atwater; and*
- WHEREAS, *the working conditions identified by the USP-Atwater Correctional Officers would require the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) to change their current policies to better protect Correctional Officers and the local community; and*
- WHEREAS, *the City of Modesto supports and requests that immediate policy changes to better protect Correctional Officers working in United States Penitentiaries and surrounding communities be made and that serious consideration should be given to the issuance of properly fitted and certified stab resistant vests, as well as other non-lethal equipment, including, but not limited to, such items as tear gas (O), Asp, baton or tasers; and*
- WHEREAS, *that all necessary steps be implemented to insure that appropriate staffing levels are maintained to insure the safety of the correctional officers; and*
- NOW, THEREFORE, *I, JIM RIDENOUR, Mayor, do hereby resolve that the City of Modesto hereby supports the request for policy changes by the United States Bureau of Prisons to provide safer working conditions to correctional officers.*



Dated this 22nd July, 2008


JIM RIDENOUR, Mayor