

Kern County Farm & Home Advisors

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Board of Supervisors
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**PROCLAMATION FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 4 THROUGH 10, 2026 AS
4-H WEEK IN KERN COUNTY
(Fiscal Impact: None)**

The purpose of this letter is to ask the Kern County Board of Supervisors to proclaim October 4 - 10, 2026 as 4-H Week and to advise the Board of the significant positive impacts of the 4-H youth development program in Kern County. Last year there were almost 6 million youth in the 4-H program nationwide and over 500,000 volunteer leaders. 4-H has positively impacted thousands of Kern County youth, positioning them for success in school and the workplace.

The 4-H youth development program has been and continues to be one of the most active youth organizations in Kern County and has produced many outstanding citizens and community leaders through the years. Youth who join 4-H are actively involved in projects and activities that promote citizenship, leadership, and life skills. Originally a program for rural youth, the 4-H program has evolved over the years and offers a variety of projects for youth from all walks of life. These projects engage young people in hands-on experiential learning. This "learn by doing" approach is the hallmark of 4-H and the projects that youth participate in will stay with them for a lifetime.

Through a joint agreement with the County of Kern and the University of California Cooperative Extension, the Farm and Home Advisors Office was created and has been serving the public since 1914. The 4-H youth development program is part of the Farm and Home Advisors Office and has been serving the youth of Kern County since the inception of this cooperative arrangement.

"To Make the Best Better" is the national motto of 4-H. This is a goal that all youth should strive for and one that 4-H is proud to proclaim.

Therefore, IT IS RECOMMENDED that your Board proclaim the week of October 4 through 10, 2026 as 4-H Week in Kern County, and make presentation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "L. Jimenez", is written over a horizontal line.

Leonel Jimenez, County Director
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cc: County Administrative Office