

# **3RD ANNUAL DIA DE LOS MUERTOS - DAY OF THE DEAD**

## **NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2023 - GRIDLEY, CALIFORNIA**

Grupo Tradicional "Las Catrinas" and North Valley Catholic Social Services is respectfully requesting your participation.

The City of Gridley organized the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Day of the Dead Walk in 2021, being well attended by over 300 residents. This cultural event was organized in response to the devastating effects of Covid-19. A way to honor so many lives lost to the pandemic. The celebration served to provide a space for our residents to grieve and celebrate the life of their loved ones. At present, we are planning the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Walk of the Dead to be held on Thursday, November 2, 2023, at Dadow Park, Gridley California.

The celebration seeks to encourage health services to establish a consistent and permanent presence in Gridley. Our community is deeply affected by mental health related fatalities which include, Suicide, drug overdose deaths. There appears to be a persistent trend of Suicidal Ideations affecting our youth. We need all the help and assistance we can receive. We have lost valuable members of our community to unresolved and untreated mental health symptoms. We need to impair the suicidality trend.

The Third Annual "Day of The Dead" celebration will make a strong effort to assist the community establish the "Gridley Health Improvement Project Fund". All proceeds collected on Nover 2, 2023 will be donated to the Gridley Recreation Department to manage the Health Improvement Project. As a community, we need to do something to address such depressing circumstances. The Rec Department's strong family and cultural values is the ideal agency to manage this project for the people of Gridley.

Our committee invites your agency to participate in "The Day of The Dead Celebration", on November 2, 2023, in solidarity with the city and people of Gridley Ca. Your donation and participation will help improve the quality of life in our community.

Respectfully,

J Angel Calderon,

Event Coordinator

