

**WHEREAS**, the protection of California's communities is dependent not only on the individuals who devote their time and energy to the duties of law enforcement service but also on members of the support staff, such as law enforcement records and support personnel, who devote countless hours to performing the duties that keep law enforcement agencies running smoothly; and

**WHEREAS,** law enforcement records and support personnel in Costa Mesa play a crucial role in helping law enforcement agencies identify, pursue, capture, and process suspected lawbreakers, and they continually share their invaluable expertise and experience to assist in tracking felons, maintain criminal statistics, and improve apprehension strategies; and

**WHEREAS,** the Costa Mesa Police Records Bureau staff processes and maintains thousands of police reports and public records requests annually; and

**WHEREAS,** the Costa Mesa Property and Evidence Unit properly preserves and maintains all incoming property and processes 10,000 evidence items per year and releases/destroys an average of 8,000 annually; and

**WHEREAS,** it is important to recognize the City of Costa Mesa's law enforcement records and support personnel for their valuable contributions to our law enforcement system.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** John B. Stephens, Mayor of the City of Costa Mesa, do hereby proclaim November 8, 2022, as **Law Enforcement Records and Support Personnel Day**. I encourage all Costa Mesa residents to pay tribute to our records and support personnel and recognize their contributions to protecting our safety and quality of life.

**PRESENTED** this 15th day of November 2022.

John B. Stephens, Mayor of the City of Costa Mesa