



CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA

Proclamation

WHEREAS, forensic science is a vital public service involving scientific methods or expertise in the investigation crimes and in the examination of evidence; and

WHEREAS, access to quality forensic analysis is a critical element of intelligence-led policing that can exonerate the innocent, uncover crime trends, identify perpetrators, solve crimes, and enhance public safety; and

WHEREAS, forensic science plays a critical role in public outreach and crime prevention and is evolving in its role as an important member of the criminal justice community; and

WHEREAS, the Costa Mesa Police Department Crime Scene Unit forensic specialists are responsible for collecting evidence, conducting detailed analyses, communicating results in criminal court proceedings as expert witnesses, and educating stakeholders about forensic science; and

WHEREAS, crime scene specialists/investigators, forensic examiners, and forensic scientists provide unbiased, accurate, and reliable analyses of evidence recovered from across the nation; and

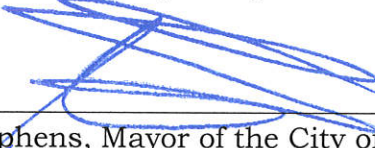
WHEREAS, in 2021 the Costa Mesa Police Department crime scene specialists processed over eleven hundred crime scenes and calls for service; and

WHEREAS, numerous professional organizations have recognized September 18-24, 2022, as National Forensic Science Week; and individuals across the country will be celebrating this incredibly important field of work; and

WHEREAS, the hard-working people that comprise our forensic science organizations deserve universal regard and appreciation for their commitment to proper scientific investigation for the cause of justice.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John B. Stephens, Mayor of the City of Costa Mesa, do hereby proclaim September 18-24, 2022, as National Forensic Science Week in the City of Costa Mesa and invite all residents to celebrate and honor the dedicated work of those in forensic science.

Dated this 20th day of September 2022.



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