



CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA

Proclamation

WHEREAS, public servants work tirelessly, with dedication, integrity, and compassion, to uphold the public good, inspire trust and confidence, and enhance the quality of life for all residents; and

WHEREAS, Public Service Recognition Week has been celebrated the first week of May since 1985, beginning on the first Sunday of the month, to honor the people who serve our nation as federal, state, county, local, and tribal government employees; and

WHEREAS, National Public Service Recognition Week is an opportunity to express gratitude and appreciation for the hard work and commitment of our public servants across all levels of government; and

WHEREAS, in commitment to the City's employees, the City Council adopted *Recruit & Retain High Quality Staff* as a goal in its 2021 Strategic Plan Retreat; and

WHEREAS, the City of Costa Mesa employs over six hundred FTE professionals who serve the community; and

WHEREAS, public servants represent a diverse array of occupations in the City of Costa Mesa, including but not limited to inspectors, financial analysts, engineers, maintenance and facility technicians, information technology professionals, programmers, planners, parks and recreation specialists, case managers, and countless others; and

WHEREAS, a significant number of first responder public servants, such as police officers and firefighters, demonstrate their unwavering commitment by putting their lives on the line every day for the residents of the City of Costa Mesa; and

WHEREAS, the indispensable role of these public servants is evident in the very fabric of our democracy and community, ensuring its continuity even as leaders and elected officials change over time.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John B. Stephens, Mayor of the City of Costa Mesa, do hereby proclaim May 5-11, 2024, as **Public Service Recognition Week** in the City of Costa Mesa. I urge all Costa Mesa residents to participate actively this week, paying tribute to our public service professionals and acknowledging their substantial contributions to our health, safety, and quality of life.

DATED this 7th day of May 2024.

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