



WHEREAS, April 10-14 has been designated National Community Development Week to celebrate the federal Community Development Block Grant program now in its 47th year and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program now in its 30th year; and

WHEREAS, Costa Mesa has received over \$43.2 million from the CDBG program over the past 35 years and \$15.8 million from the HOME program over the past 30 years, supporting programs for housing rehabilitation, tenant based rental assistance, public service grants, capital projects, code enforcement, the acquisition and operating costs of a permanent homeless shelter and the development of affordable housing benefiting low- to moderate- income individuals and households, including older adults, people with disabilities, those experiencing chronic or frequent homelessness, and children; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program foster a strong network among local government, residents, businesses and nonprofit organizations working to meet the needs of Costa Mesa residents; and

WHEREAS, Costa Mesa received \$1.83 million in additional program funding in fiscal years 2020 and 2021 to prevent, prepare for and respond to COVID-19, including the provision of emergency rental assistance for families who lost income, street outreach to individuals experiencing homelessness, and funding nonprofit partners to enable the continued provision of vital public services; and

WHEREAS, Costa Mesa received \$1.81 million in additional program funding in fiscal year 2022 to provide housing and supportive services to individuals experiencing homelessness, as well as other vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Costa Mesa recognizes the incredible organizations operating in Costa Mesa such as Community SeniorServ, Families Forward, Mercy House, Trellis and Project Hope Alliance that provide housing and supportive services to our most vulnerable residents on a daily basis.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John B Stephens, Mayor of the City of Costa Mesa, do hereby proclaim April 10-14, 2023 as **NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK**. I encourage all citizens to join us in recognizing Community Development Programs and the important role that they play in our community.

DATED this 4th day of April 2023.

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