



Proclamation

PROPERTY & EVIDENCE PROFESSIONALS APPRECIATION WEEK

APRIL 1-6, 2024

WHEREAS, this week is designated as Property and Evidence Professionals Appreciation; and

WHEREAS, this is the first recognized week dedicated to Property and Evidence professional staff who are tasked with maintaining the physical chain of custody, accountability, and detailed documentation for booked evidence and property from the time of booking until adjudication of the case when articles are released or disposed of; and

WHEREAS, the Evidence/Property Division function is vital to the criminal justice process. Its effective and efficient operation is integral to an agency's quality of service to the community and the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, the management of this function has become increasingly complex due, in part, to factors related to legislative mandates, hazardous material storage, the protection and preservation of biological/DNA-related material, security and chain of custody, and the training of evidence/property personnel. The failure to manage the evidence/property function can affect the successful prosecution of criminal violators, resulting in agency liability or loss of public confidence; and

WHEREAS, Property and Evidence Week is an opportunity to recognize and thank these two amazing personnel who receive and process up to 10,000 pieces of property a year, which has to be documented, stored and the records maintained as long as the item remain in their custody.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chi Charlie Nguyen, Mayor of the City of Westminster, on behalf of Vice Mayor Kimberly Ho, and Council Members Amy Phan West, Carlos Manzo, and NamQuan Nguyen do hereby proclaim the week of April 1 through April 6, 2024 as **PROPERTY AND EVIDENCE PROFESSIONALS APPRECIATION WEEK** in the City of Westminster.

Signed and Dated this 27th day of March 2024 by the City Council.

Chi Charlie Nguyen, Mayor

Kimberly Ho, Vice Mayor, District 3

Amy Phan West, Council Member, District 1

Carlos Manzo, Council Member, District 2

NamQuan Nguyen, Council Member, District 4