



City of Palo Alto
City Council Staff Report

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Summary Title: Public Service Proclamation 2018

Title: Proclamation Recognizing Public Employees and Individual Service Accomplishments in Alignment With National Public Service Recognition Week- May 5-11, 2019

From: City Manager

Lead Department: Human Resources

Attachments:

- Public Service Proclamation 2019



Proclamation

PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK May 5-11, 2019

WHEREAS, Americans are served every single day by public servants at the federal, state, county and city levels. These unsung heroes do the work that keeps our nation working; and across our nation, public employees take not only jobs, but oaths; and

WHEREAS, many public servants risk their lives each day in service to the people of our communities, as well as provide safety inspections, operate our public facilities, and provide the diverse services demanded by the American people with integrity and efficiency; and

WHEREAS, public servants provide the institutional knowledge, experience, and continuity that supports the long term sustainability of our community assets and organizational history; and

WHEREAS, here in our city, our staff promotes and sustains the superior quality of life in Palo Alto, and in partnership with our community delivers cost-effective services in a personal, responsive, and innovative manner; and

WHEREAS, over the past year alone, our City staff have:

- Installed or replaced 40,000 linear feet of water, wastewater and gas mains and pipelines, including a major downtown infrastructure project.
- Installed or replaced thousands of electric utilities customer service connections, system improvements and electric undergrounding.
- Won the Voice of the People award from the National Research Center and International City/County Management Association (ICMA) for excellence in the natural environment.
- Maintained and improved parks and trails and preserved more than 4,000 acres of open space.
- Offered recreational classes and programs that support the well-being of residents of all-ages.
- Conducted 234 public safety education sessions, trainings, inter-agency planning, and classes for our community.
- After a 10-year absence, the police department reintroduce a very successful National Night Out program to encourage neighbors to socialize with each other and discuss safety, traffic and other topics.
- Implemented the Courageous Heart Mindfulness Program for Public Safety and City Employees in an effort to improve our employee's overall wellness and provide a higher level of service to our Community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Eric Filseth, the Mayor of the City of Palo Alto do hereby proclaim that May 5, 2019 to May 11, 2019, is Public Service Recognition Week. All citizens are encouraged to recognize the accomplishments and contributions of government employees at all levels — federal, state, county and city – and especially our City of Palo Alto employees.

Presented: May 6, 2019

Eric Filseth
Mayor