Proclamation

PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK
May 7 - 13, 2023

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 of office; and

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

- Provided more than 47,000 police, fire and emergency medical service calls;
- Cleaned and treated 90 miles of sewer lines;
- Repaired 110 gas leaks;
- Checked out over 1 million library items;
- Provided services for a total enrollment of more than 14,000 in classes, camps in arts, sciences recreational and open space programs;
- Maintained 32 parks;
- Issued 2,650 building permits and 1,490 fire permits; and,
- Completed 19,500 building inspections.

And much more, all with the professionalism we know and appreciate, day in and day out.

NOW, THEREFORE, **I, Lydia Kou**, the Mayor of the City of Palo Alto do hereby proclaim that May 7, 2023 to May 13, 2023, 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 8, 2023

Lydia Kou
Mayor