

# Proclamation

## ***FIRE SERVICE DAY***

**WHEREAS,** Fire Service Day was originally designated by the International Association of Fire Chiefs as a day to “*focus attention on the many varied and technical professional services offered by Fire Departments across the United States and Canada, and to honor those who have dedicated their lives to the fire service;*” and

**WHEREAS,** all Fire Departments are united in their efforts to educate all citizens on fire safety by the implementation of this nationwide campaign to heighten public awareness of good fire safety practice; and

**WHEREAS,** since 1951, the West Covina Fire Department has faithfully and professionally continued to perform many public services in addition to the suppression of fire, such as fire prevention, pre-fire planning, fire code enforcement, emergency medical services, fire prevention, and public fire and burn safety education; and

**WHEREAS,** the West Covina Fire Department is a “full service” agency, and takes pride in its ability to protect the lives and property of its citizens from all risks; and

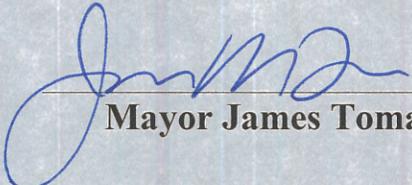
**WHEREAS,** the West Covina Fire Department has continued to observe Fire Service Day for our residents and business community by hosting an annual Open House; and

**WHEREAS,** during this Open House, the West Covina Fire Department has planned to celebrate the evolution of the fire service and department by providing demonstrations and information to the public, so that they learn about the duties and daily activities of the fire professionals that protect the citizens of the City of West Covina each day.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, James Toma, Mayor of the City of West Covina,** on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim May 14, 2016, as ***Fire Service Day*** and commend all members of the Fire Department for the vital services they perform, and urge all concerned citizens, businesses, schools, service clubs, and organizations in our community to visit our Fire Station and participate in their Open House.

On this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2016



  
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**Mayor James Toma**