

PROCLAMATION

National Property and Evidence Professionals Appreciation Week

WHEREAS, the Lodi Police Department currently has of one full-time Property Technician and one part-time retired annuitant in charge of maintaining 70,895 items currently in our property rooms, with some of the items dating back from homicides several decades ago; and

WHEREAS, our current tracking system shows records of 384,942 items that have passed through the department's doors. In 2024, we received 10,679 items and 2,461 items of evidence; and

WHEREAS, items are frequently booked as evidence, found property, property for destruction, and items held for safekeeping. The property technician is in charge of attempting to find the owners of lost property, correctly and safely returning items, and destroying property when it can no longer be held; and

WHEREAS, our property technicians process, record, and store every item for safekeeping. They are required to process items of evidence, searching for clues to identify a perpetrator through DNA or fingerprint evidence. They coordinate the transfer of items to other agencies or laboratories for further processing; and

WHEREAS, property technicians work alongside investigators and district attorneys to share digital and physical evidence to help prepare for trials and maintain the custody and integrity of evidence used to prosecute crimes; and

WHEREAS, Property and Evidence Technicians play a quiet but key role behind the scenes in law enforcement. Without our Property Technician's dedication, commitment, and keen attention to detail, our police department would be unable to function.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Cameron Bregman, Mayor of the City of Lodi, do hereby proclaim the week of March 30 – April 5, 2025, as *National Property and Evidence Professionals Appreciation Week* in Lodi.

SIGNED this 2nd day of April, 2025.

Cameron Bregman
Mayor, City of Lodi