



**CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

AGENDA TITLE: Presentation of Proclamation Proclaiming the Week of April 13-19, 2014, as "National Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week"

MEETING DATE: April 2, 2014

PREPARED BY: Chief of Police

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Presentation of proclamation proclaiming the week of April 13-19, 2014, as "National Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week."

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: National Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week is a national event to recognize the men and women who handle all calls related to wild and domestic animals in distress.

Every day, in all of our communities, dedicated Animal Services Officers (ASO) answer calls for assistance. They apprehend roaming and/or dangerous dogs, rescue animals in danger, investigate situations of alleged animal abuse and neglect, transport injured animals to veterinary hospitals for care, regularly educate pet owners about responsible pet care, and mediate disputes between neighbors regarding their pets.

In the past year, ASOs responded to 2,476 field/service calls, rescued 1,745 stray animals and confiscated one cat and three dogs that were victims of cruelty, neglect or abandoned.

We depend upon ASOs to fulfill the Animal Services Unit's commitment to providing the highest and most efficient level of customer service. They are dedicated to the health, safety, and protection of the citizens and animals of Lodi.

The Lodi Police Department has one part-time Assistant Animal Services Officer, one Assistant Animal Services Officer and one Animal Services Supervisor who work 9-hour shifts.

A representative of the Police Department Animal Services Unit will be present to accept the proclamation.

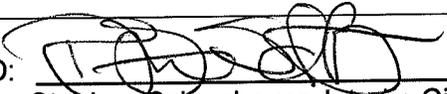
FISCAL IMPACT: None

FUNDING AVAILABLE: Not applicable.



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APPROVED: 

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