

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-\_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION BY COUNCILMEMBERS KIMBERLY JAMES, DABOUZE ANTOINE, HECTOR GUTIERREZ, LATRESA AKINS-WELLS, AND ALLAN MEARS TO RECOGNIZE AND DESIGNATE THE FOREST PARK PUBLIC WORKS PERSONNEL AS FIRST RESPONDERS.**

**WHEREAS**, National Public Works Week is an annual observance to celebrate the tens of thousands of individuals who work on public works, including infrastructure, facilities, and services that are vital to sustainable and resilient communities, and support health, safety, and quality of life all across North America; and

**WHEREAS**, the year 2024 marks the 64th Anniversary of National Public Works Week and is sponsored by the American Public Works Association; and

**WHEREAS**, public works could not be provided without the commitment, dedication, and technical expertise of the public works personnel employed at all levels of government and the private sector, to plan, design, construct, operate, and maintain the nation's transportation infrastructure, public facilities, public spaces, public services, public resources and conservation, and fleet and equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, Public works professionals are often referred to as “the silent arm of public safety,” providing vital support to emergency response partners and helping protect and restore essential services following emergencies; and

**WHEREAS**, Public works professionals are often the first on the scene and the last to leave during disasters, providing critical support to other first responders; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to recognize the invaluable work that the personnel of the Forest Park Public Works Department performs and thank them for their contributions to enhance the quality of life for the citizens of Forest Park.

**THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FOREST PARK HEREBY RESOLVES:**

**SECTION 1. Designation.** In honor of National Public Works Week and the critical work they perform to keep the citizens of Forest Park safe, the City Council hereby designates the personnel of the Forest Park Public Works Department as “First Responders” and authorizes the department to utilize the Public Works First Responder Symbol as adopted by the American Public Works Association.

**SECTION 2. Public Record.** This document shall be maintained as a public record by the City Clerk and shall be accessible to the public during all normal business hours of the City of Forest Park.

**SECTION 3. Authorization of Execution.** The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign all documents necessary to effectuate this Resolution.

**SECTION 4. Attestation.** The City Clerk is authorized to execute, attest to, and seal any documents which may be necessary to effectuate this ordinance, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

**SECTION 5. Effective Date.** This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Forest Park as provided in the City Charter.

SO RESOLVED this 20th day of May, 2024.

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Angelyne Butler, Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk (SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Attorney