

## ***MEMORANDUM***

**DATE:** May 1, 2023  
**TO:** Melissa R. Marsh, City Manager  
**FROM:** Sean P. Ballantine, Director of Public Services  
**SUBJECT:** 2023 National Public Works Week

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Annually, the month of May sees National Public Works Week declared and recognized by municipalities and civic organizations throughout the United States and Canada. Submitted for Council's consideration is a proclamation declaring the week of May 21-27 as National Public Works Week in Madison Heights.

The American Public Works Association (APWA), the sponsor of National Public Works Week, presents a new theme every year which is graphically depicted in the annual poster, and embodies the many responsibilities of our public works professionals. This year's theme is "Connecting the World Through Public Works". Explained further: *Public works is the thread that connects us all, no matter where we live in the world. Every public works professional strives to improve the quality of life for the community they serve, leading to healthier, happier communities.*

*The "Connecting the World Through Public Works" theme highlights the way public works professionals connect us physically, through infrastructure, and inspirationally, through service to their communities, whether as first responders, or daily workers carrying out their duties with pride.*

*Public works connectors help keep communities strong by providing an infrastructure of services in transportation, water, wastewater, and stormwater treatment, public buildings and spaces, parks and grounds, emergency management and first response, solid waste, and right-of-way management. They are what make our communities great places to live and work. Join us in celebrating the quiet work these professionals do that makes life better for all of us.*

Staff and I respectfully request that Council adopt the following proclamation declaring the week of May 21-27, 2023 as National Public Works Week, and encourage our residents, visitors, and City staff to acquaint themselves with, and pay tribute to our dedicated public works professionals in Madison Heights, and the work that they do for the benefit of the public.

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