

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 21, 2026
TO: Melissa R. Marsh, City Manager
FROM: Sean P. Ballantine, Director of Public Services
SUBJECT: 2026 National Public Works Week

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 17-23 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, "Rooted in Service, Powered by Community," reflects the idea that the roots of service run deep in public works. It's what has propelled public works innovations that have helped our communities evolve into places where people can lead lives of purpose and possibility. Explained further: *The theme "Rooted in Service, Powered by Community" reminds us that public works professionals are motivated to serve the communities that they love and that power them to always do their best. Whether serving as first responders, responding to electricity outages, providing regular waste pickup, or making roads and sidewalks passable after a winter weather event, public works puts service at the forefront for their community.*

Staff respectfully requests that Council adopt the following proclamation declaring the week of May 17-23, 2026 as National Public Works Week in the City of Madison Heights, 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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