

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 6, 2024
TO: Melissa R. Marsh, City Manager
FROM: Sean P. Ballantine, Director of Public Services
SUBJECT: 2024 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 19-25 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 "Advancing Quality of Life got All". Explained further: *Public works contributes to advancing and enhancing our quality of life, no matter where we live in the world. Public works professionals provide essential services that lead to healthier, happier, more vibrant communities.*

The "Advancing Quality of Life for All" theme shines a spotlight on the way public works professionals advance our quality of life, whether as a first responder to an electricity outage, regular waste pickup, or a myriad of other ways they silently serve their communities.

Public works professionals advance the quality of life 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 dynamic places to live and work. Join us in celebrating the quiet work these professionals do that makes life better for all of us.

Staff respectfully requests that Council adopt the following proclamation declaring the week of May 19-25, 2024 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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