



## North Topsail Beach Public Works Department

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### STAFF REPORT

#### Background

This year the week of May 19<sup>th</sup> thru 25<sup>th</sup> 2024 has been designated as “National Public Works Weeks”. National Public Works Week (or NPWW) became an education campaign in 1960. Rear Admiral Cushing Phillips, United States Navy (retired) and President of the Los Angeles Board of Public Works, chaired that campaign. Soon after, other special highlights of NPWW followed which included a United States Senate resolution affirming the first National Public Works Week in 1960, Presidential letters of acknowledgment from Dwight D. “Ike” Eisenhower and Lyndon B. Johnson. The first Presidential Proclamation was signed by John F. Kennedy in July 18<sup>th</sup> 1962. Since then, each year the **3<sup>rd</sup> full week in May** has been established by the American Public Works Association (or APWA) as **National Public Works Week**. Across North America, more than 32,000 members in the US and Canada use this week to energize and educate the public on the importance of public works to their communities’ daily lives: planning, building, managing, and operating at the heart of local communities to improve everyday quality of life.

#### Analysis

The Public Works industry operations plan, build, manage, and operate at the heart of local communities to improve the quality of life for those around them. For the Town of North Topsail Beach, Public Works Operations encompass are responsible for maintaining our town-maintained roads, sidewalks, facilities, and parks. Together with member agencies *ONWASA*, *JoEMC* and *Onslow County*, Public Works efforts to repair and renew the town after natural disasters and help to ensure matters that deal with safe buildings, mobility, clean water, proper drainage, running sewers and electricity are provided to everyone in their homes and businesses. The roles of individuals in Public Works include but are not limited to city/town managers, city engineers, public works directors, facility managers, civil engineers, land surveyors, utility workers, traffic signal and lighting technicians, maintenance workers, and many more. Recently, Public Works have been granted “First Responder” status as they have historically proven to provide the essential services that make the communities more vibrant, accessible, and sustainable. Truly Public Works advances the quality of life for all. This idea is reflected in 2024’s theme “**Advancing Quality of Life for All.**”

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Mayor proclaim the week of May 19<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> 2024 as NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK.

Attachments

Proclamation