CITY OF WEST DES MOINES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING COMMUNICATION

DATE: **May 15, 2017**

ITEM:

Approval of Proclamation
National Public Works Week
May 21 – 27, 2017

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None.

SYNOPSIS:

Approval of this proclamation provides recognition of the efforts of the Public Works professionals employed by the City of West Des Moines.

BACKGROUND:

Since 1960, the American Public Works Association (APWA) has celebrated National Public Works Week. This annual observance is designated to educate the public on the importance of our nation's public infrastructure and services. It also serves to recognize the contributions of public works professionals who, working in the public interest, build, manage and operate the systems essential to the economic and social well-being of our community.

RECOMMENDATION:

City Council Approve:

- Proclamation declaring May 21 – 27, 2016 as National Public Works Week

Lead Staff Member: **Bret Hodne, Public Services Director**

STAFF REVIEWS

Department Director	Bret Hodne
Appropriations/Finance	Tim Stiles, Finance Director
Legal	
Agenda Acceptance	

PUBLICATION(S) (if applicable)

Published In	
Date(s) Published	

SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW (if applicable)

Committee	Public Works		
Date Reviewed	May 8, 2017		
Recommendation	Yes	No	Split

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, public works services provided in our community are an integral part of our citizens' everyday lives; and

WHEREAS, the support of an understanding and informed citizenry is vital to the efficient operation of public works systems and programs such as sewers, streets and highways, public buildings and solid waste collection; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety and comfort of this community greatly depends on these facilities and services, and

WHEREAS, the quality and effectiveness of these facilities, as well as their planning, design, and construction is vitally dependent upon the efforts and skill of public works officials; and

WHEREAS, the efficiency of the qualified and dedicated personnel who staff public works departments is materially influenced by the people's attitude and understanding of the importance of the work they perform,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steven K. Gaer, Mayor of the City of West Des Moines, do hereby proclaim the week of May 21st, 2017, as National Public Works Week in the City of West Des Moines, and I call upon all citizens and civic organizations to acquaint themselves with the issues involved in providing our public works and to recognize the contributions which public works officials make every day to our health, safety, comfort, and quality of life.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 15th day of May, 2017.

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Steven K. Gaer, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Ryan Jacobson
City Clerk

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