# CITY OF WEST DES MOINES
# CITY COUNCIL MEETING COMMUNICATION

**DATE: May 6, 2019**

## ITEM:

Approval of Proclamation
National Public Works Week
May 19 – 25, 2019

## 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 19 – 25, 2019, as National Public Works Week

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

**STAFF REVIEWS**

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

**PUBLICATION(S)** (if applicable)

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| Date(s) Published | |

**SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW** (if applicable)

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| Committee | Public Services | | |
| Date Reviewed | April 22, 2019 | | |
| 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 19th, 2019, 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 6th day of May, 2019.

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Steven K. Gaer, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Ryan Jacobson
City Clerk

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