PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Public Works personnel operate and maintain infrastructure and provide services essential for everyday life and economic growth and also provide leadership in floods, snowstorms, and natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, The support of an understanding and informed citizenry is vital to the efficient operation of Public Works' services and maintenance programs such as traffic, sanitation, sewers, streets, forestry, and wastewater reclamation; and

WHEREAS, The protection and preservation of the area's natural resources for the benefit of future generations depends on the sustainability of these services and programs; and

WHEREAS, The quality and effectiveness of these functions, as well as their planning, design, and construction, is vitally dependent upon the efforts and skill of Public Works and Engineering Officials; and

WHEREAS, The efficiency of the qualified and dedicated personnel who staff the departments of Public Works and Engineering are materially influenced by the people's attitude and understanding of the importance of the work they perform.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, T. M. FRANKLIN COWNIE, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE CITIZENS OF DES MOINES, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF MAY 18-22, 2020, AS:

NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

IN THE CITY OF DES MOINES, AND I CALL UPON ALL CITIZENS AND CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS TO ACQUAINT THEMSELVES WITH THE ISSUES INVOLVED IN PROVIDING THE CITY'S PUBLIC WORKS AND TO RECOGNIZE THE CONTRIBUTIONS, WHICH PUBLIC WORKS AND ENGINEERING OFFICIALS MAKE EVERY DAY, TO OUR HEALTH, SAFETY, COMFORT, AND QUALITY OF LIFE.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA TO BE AFFIXED THIS EIGHTEENTH DAY OF MAY TWO THOUSAND TWENTY.

T. M. FRANKLIN COWNIE, MAYOR
CITY OF DES MOINES