PROCLAMATION

The year 2016 marks the 56th Annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association (APWA). With roots dating back to 1937, APWA is an international, educational, and professional association of public agencies, private sector companies, and individuals dedicated to providing high quality public works, goods, and services. APWA boasts 29,000 members whose dedication and expertise at all levels of government and the private sector are a capital investment in the economic growth and development of the nation.

Philadelphia’s public works infrastructure, facilities, and services are of vital importance to sustainable communities and to the health, safety, and well-being of its residents. Such facilities and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, engineers, managers, and employees from State and local units of Government and the private sector, who are responsible for and must plan, design, build, operate, and maintain the transportation, water supply, water treatment and solid waste systems, public buildings, and other structures and facilities essential to serve our citizens.

It is in the public interest of the citizens, civic leaders, and children in the United States of America to gain knowledge of, maintain a progressive interest in, and understand the importance of public works and public works programs in their respective communities.

On May 17, 2016, Philadelphia and the Southeastern Pennsylvania American Public Works Associations join cities and states across the United States in celebration of those who have a role in our nation’s public infrastructure and public works services.

THEREFORE...

I, James F. Kenney, Mayor of the City of Philadelphia, do hereby proclaim Sunday, May 15 through Saturday, May 21, 2016 to be the

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and urge all citizens to join with representatives of the American Public Works Association and government agencies in activities and ceremonies designed to pay tribute to our public works professionals, engineers, managers, and employees and to recognize the substantial contributions they have made to our national health and safety, welfare, and quality of life.

James F. Kenney
Mayor

Given under my hand and the seal of the City of Philadelphia on this seventeenth day of May, two thousand and sixteen.