PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, public works infrastructure, facilities and services are of vital importance to sustainable communities and to the health, safety and well-being of the citizens of DeKalb; and

WHEREAS, such facilities and services could not be provided without the dedicated effort of public works professionals, engineers, managers and employees from State and local units of Government as well as the private sector. These are the individuals who 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; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for citizens, civic leaders and youth in the U.S. to gain knowledge of and to maintain a progressive interest and understanding of the importance of public works and public works programs in their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, 2016 marks the 56th Annual National Public Works Week as sponsored by the American Public Works Association. "Public Works Always There" is the national theme and acknowledges the men and women of the profession who are always there and ready to serve.

NOW THEREFORE, WE, the Interim Chief Executive Officer and Board of Commissioners, on behalf of DeKalb County and its more than 700,000 citizens, do hereby proclaim May 15-21, 2016 as National Public Works Week and I urge all citizens of DeKalb 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, safety, welfare and quality of life.

Proclaimed, this 10th day of May, 2016.

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