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

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for citizens, civic leaders and children to gain knowledge of and to maintain a progressive interest and understand the importance of public works and public works programs in their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, the year 2016 marks the 56th annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gina M. Raimondo, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, do hereby proclaim May 15 – 21, 2016 as: Public Works Week in the state and encourage all residents to recognize the contributions of our public works professionals, engineers, managers and employees and to recognize the substantial contributions they have made to our health, safety, welfare, and quality of life.

Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, this 19 day of April, 2016

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Nellie M. Gorbea
Secretary of State