

PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION OF THE CARPINTERIA CITY COUNCIL DESIGNATING MAY 17 THROUGH 23, 2020, AS NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK IN THE CITY OF CARPINTERIA

WHEREAS, National Public Works Week is an annual observance to celebrate the tens of thousands of individuals who work on public works including infrastructure, facilities, and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities and to the health, safety, and quality of life all across North America; and

WHEREAS, public works could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of those individuals, also known as public works personnel who are employees at all levels of government and the private sector, responsible for the planning, designing, constructing, operating, and maintaining of the nation's transportation infrastructure (for example, streets, highways, bridges, railroads, transit systems, pipelines, canals, ports, and airports), public facilities (for example, government buildings, schools, and hospitals), public spaces (for example, squares, parks, and beaches), public services (for example, water treatment and distribution, wastewater collection and treatment, solid waste collection, street sweeping, and utilities), public resources and conservation (for example, energy, groundwater, and recycled water), and fleet and equipment (for example, law enforcement vehicles, fire apparatus, and government vehicles and equipment); and

WHEREAS, in 1960, the United States Senate adopted a resolution affirming the first National Public Works Week; and

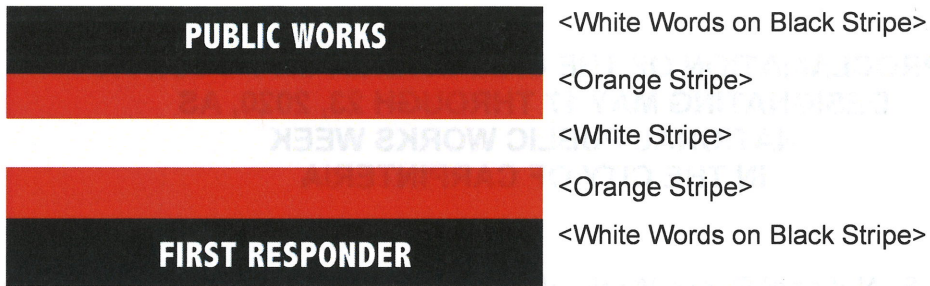
WHEREAS, in 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed the Presidential Proclamation of National Public Works Week; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, President George W. Bush defined, through Homeland Security Presidential Directive 8 (HSPD-8), the term first responder to also include public works personnel; and

WHEREAS, as first responders in accordance with HSPD-8, public works personnel are those individuals who in the early stages of an incident are responsible for the protection and preservation of life, property, evidence, and environment; and

WHEREAS, in November 2017, the Board of Directors of the American Public Works Association passed a motion to launch a campaign to promote public works personnel as first responders and approved the adoption of the Public Works First Responder symbol as shown herein:

Public Works First Responder Symbol



and

WHEREAS, the year 2020 marks the 60th Anniversary of National Public Works Week and is sponsored by the American Public Works Association and Canadian Public Works Association; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the Carpinteria community to gain knowledge of and to maintain a progressive interest and understanding of the importance of public works.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, the Carpinteria City Council does hereby designate the week of May 17 through 23, 2020, as National Public Works Week in the City of Carpinteria, and urges the Carpinteria community to join with representatives of the American Public Works Association, Canadian Public Works Association, and local government agencies, in activities, events, and ceremonies designed to pay tribute to public works personnel and to recognize the substantial contributions they make to protect our health, safety, and quality of life; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, the Carpinteria City Council does hereby designate the Public Works First Responder symbol, as shown herein, as a permanent official City of Carpinteria symbol for City public works personnel in acknowledgement as a first responder to be affixed to City public works personnel uniforms, vehicles, and equipment.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Carpinteria, California, to be affixed this 11th day of May, 2020.

Mayor, City of Carpinteria

ATTEST:

City Clerk, City of Carpinteria