

1 [Public Works Week - May 16 through May 20, 2022]

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3 **Resolution commending the dedicated workforce of San Francisco Public Works and**
4 **declaring May 16 through May 20, 2022, as Public Works Week in the City and County**
5 **of San Francisco.**

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7 WHEREAS, It is the mission of San Francisco Public Works to improve the quality of
8 life in San Francisco by providing outstanding public service and partnering with the
9 community; and

10 WHEREAS, Public Works' programs and services, provided 24 hours a day, seven
11 days a week, are an integral part of the everyday lives of our residents, workforce and visitors;
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13 WHEREAS, Public Works' motto, #LoveOurCity, means even more now than ever
14 before. As a team of more than 1,600, Public Works employees have responded to the
15 COVID-19 pandemic with creativity and flexibility, whether working at the City's COVID
16 Command Center to help coordinate our crisis response and collaborate with partner
17 departments, or as frontline staff providing essential services to clean streets, respond to tree
18 emergencies, inspect construction sites in the public right of way, revamp public health
19 facilities, issue Shared Spaces permits to support small businesses or work in a hybrid
20 manner as architects, engineers, analysts, finance and IT staff to advance San Francisco's
21 capital projects to create a more resilient, safer and more inviting city; and

22 WHEREAS, During the past year, not only did Public Works staff continue its day-to-
23 day design, field and maintenance work, but Public Works also produced significant
24 achievements, including completing the floating Fireboat Station No. 35 at Pier 22 1/2, Treat

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1 Plaza at 16th and Harrison Streets, the Bayview Playground, the “Hop, Skip and Play on
2 Omar Way” interactive sidewalk mural and the renovation of Rossi Pool; and

3 WHEREAS, Public Works joined many City departments in the Tenderloin Emergency
4 Initiative, a unified effort to address some of the intractable problems in the Tenderloin
5 neighborhood with an aim to improve conditions for the families, seniors and immigrants who
6 call the neighborhood home; and

7 WHEREAS, The Tenderloin operation deployed a large contingent of Public Works
8 street cleaners to power wash and sweep the sidewalks, flush down the roadway and wipe
9 out graffiti to create a more welcoming environment for residents and merchants; and

10 WHEREAS, Public Works received three national awards: the American Public Works
11 Association’ award for Project of the Year for San Francisco’s Animal Care & Control Facility;
12 the American Society of Landscape Architects’ Merit Award for Design: Parks, Recreation,
13 Trails and Open Spaces for our Margaret Hayward Playground; and, the Government Finance
14 Officers Association’s Distinguished Budget Presentation Award; and

15 WHEREAS, After a two-year hiatus, Public Works relaunched its monthly community
16 cleanups, now known as “Love Our City: Neighborhood Beautification Days,” kicking off the
17 season at Heron’s Head Park with more than 200 volunteers working side-by-side with Public
18 Works staff to green and clean the surrounding neighborhoods; and

19 WHEREAS, National Public Works Week is a time when San Francisco Public Works
20 demonstrates what “public works” means by celebrating accomplishments and milestones and
21 hosting activities that reinforce partnerships with San Francisco residents, businesses,
22 community organizations, and volunteers; and

23 WHEREAS, During Public Works Week, the agency honors the professional and
24 committed women and men who clean and resurface streets daily, plant and nurture City-
25 maintained street trees and landscaped medians, design, construct and maintain City-owned

1 facilities, inspect streets and sidewalks, build curb ramps, eradicate graffiti, partner with
2 neighborhoods, train people for jobs, maintain the right of way, and educate our communities,
3 collectively known as San Francisco Public Works; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby declares May 16 through May 20,
5 2022, as Public Works Week in San Francisco and commends the dedicated staff of San
6 Francisco Public Works; and be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges San Francisco residents,
8 neighborhood associations, community nonprofits and merchant organizations to continue to
9 work in collaboration with Public Works to enhance the quality of life in San Francisco.

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