

1 [Public Works Week - April 28 through May 2, 2025]

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3 **Resolution commending the dedicated workforce of San Francisco Public Works and**
4 **declaring April 28 through May 2, 2025, as Public Works Week in the City and County of**
5 **San Francisco.**
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7 WHEREAS, For 125 years, San Francisco Public Works, a 24/7 operation that touches
8 every neighborhood in the City, has existed with a mission to improve the quality of life in San
9 Francisco by providing outstanding public service and partnering with community members;
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11 WHEREAS, Public Works' employees embrace their daily workplace core values of
12 respect, integrity, responsiveness, safety and teamwork that reflect the quality of their work,
13 shape the culture of their organization and direct how they conduct themselves and guide
14 their actions as public servants; and

15 WHEREAS, Public Works launched its "Real People. Real Work." campaign in 2025
16 on its 125th anniversary, spotlighting Public Works employees who work every day to keep
17 the City clean, safe, resilient, beautiful and accessible, demonstrating the breadth and depth
18 of Public Works projects and programs and their professional skills; and

19 WHEREAS, The Public Works team of 1,400-plus employees, including union
20 members represented by the Service Employees International Union, Laborers' International
21 Union of North America, International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers, and
22 many members of the San Francisco Building & Construction Trades Council, is an integral
23 part of the everyday lives of San Francisco residents, workers and visitors; and

24 WHEREAS, Public Works has built a robust roster of partnerships with community
25 volunteers through such initiatives as the monthly Neighborhood Beautification Day workdays,

1 Graffiti Watch, Adopt-A-Street and Street Parks programs and the annual Arbor Day event
2 where, in March 2025, 110 trees were planted in the SoMa, Tenderloin and Western Addition
3 neighborhoods; and

4 WHEREAS, During the past year, not only has Public Works staff continued its day-to-
5 day design, field and maintenance work, Public Works produced significant achievements,
6 including designing and paving a decorative holiday-themed asphalt project on Maiden Lane
7 in Union Square, the completion of the Burnside Tile Stairway Project in Glen Park, the
8 completion of the Potrero Hill Gateway, the completion of the 44-block stretch Sunset
9 Boulevard Renovation Project, kicking off the Peace Pagoda renovation efforts in San
10 Francisco's historic Japantown, commencing a new round of seismic upgrades work at San
11 Francisco General Hospital, and starting the restoration of the Mission Branch Library; and

12 WHEREAS, Public Works has achieved significant milestones in 2025, such as
13 keeping the public rights of way clean and safe during the NBA All-Star Game festivities, the
14 approval of the 300th Shared Spaces permit, the 10th anniversary of the innovative Pit Stop
15 public toilet program that began with three locations in one neighborhood and since expanded
16 to 30 locations in 13 neighborhoods, the launch of the "Neat Street" arcade-style video game
17 for players to capture the spirit of civic pride and value of caring for our neighborhoods and
18 filling 11,268 potholes, pruning 5,983 street trees, constructing 564 curb ramps, paving 635
19 blocks and removing 25,685 tons of trash from the public right of way all in one year's time;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Public Works was awarded the "Local Streets and Road Complete Streets
22 Award" in 2024 by the California State Association of Counties for its Upper Market
23 Streetscape Improvement Project and the "2025 Partnering Award" by the International
24 Partnering Institute for its Alemany Interchange Improvement Project, and was recognized as
25 a finalist for its Street Tree Nursery in the "Community Service Award" category by the

1 Associated General Contractors of America, for the team's work transforming a former
2 homeless encampment into a vibrant nursery for urban forestry; and

3 WHEREAS, San Francisco Public Works is celebrating 125 years of service keeping
4 the City clean, beautiful and safe through both prosperous and challenging times, through
5 natural disasters, wars, social and technological revolutions, pandemics and post-pandemic
6 recovery during which countless men and women have dedicated their stalwart service to the
7 City; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby declares April 28
9 through May 2, 2025, as "Public Works Week" in San Francisco and commends the tried-and-
10 true staff of San Francisco Public Works; and, be it

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