

1 [Public Works Week - May 17, 2021, through May 21, 2021]

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3 **Resolution commending the staff of San Francisco Public Works and declaring May 17,**
4 **2021, through May 21, 2021, as Public Works Week in the City and County of San**
5 **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, During the past year, the City and the world have been gripped by the
14 COVID-19 pandemic and San Francisco Public Works employees, as designated essential
15 workers, have been on the front lines of the City's response demonstrating their resiliency,
16 expertise and dedication for the public good; and

17 WHEREAS, In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Public Works staff were deployed
18 to the Emergency Operations Center, later known as the COVID Command Center,
19 supporting myriad operational, logistical, planning and communications functions, such as
20 organizing food and PPE distribution, creating informational graphics and tracking the flow of
21 critical resources; and

22 WHEREAS, In response to the pandemic, Public Works staff developed Safe Sleeping
23 Sites and other shelters for unhoused residents, expanded the Pit Stop program to provide
24 greater access to public toilets and hand-washing facilities; built testing and vaccination sites
25 to protect public health, secured shuttered transit stations to deter vandalism, helped develop

1 the Shared Streets program to support neighborhood businesses; created multi-lingual
2 informational graphics to expand the reach to impacted communities and repurposed
3 neighborhood health centers to promote social distancing; and

4 WHEREAS, During the past year, not only did Public Works staff continue their
5 essential day-to-day design, field and maintenance work throughout the health crisis, but
6 successfully delivered important capital projects, including the Second Street Improvement
7 Project, the Bayview Navigation Center, a new home for Animal Care & Control, Margaret
8 Hayward Playground and Garfield Square; and

9 WHEREAS, This year, the regionally tracked Pavement Condition Index Score that
10 measures the state of the City's roadways hit its 10-year goal of 75 out of 100, thanks to
11 Public Works' systematically planned and executed public infrastructure investment strategy
12 to improve the streets of San Francisco; and

13 WHEREAS, Public Works launched the CleanCorridorsSF operation to provide
14 targeted deep cleanings in more than 20 neighborhood commercial corridors across the City
15 by steam cleaning sidewalks, removing graffiti, picking up litter and abandoned waste,
16 sprucing up tree basins, weeding and flushing down the streets to create a more welcoming
17 environment for residents, merchants and visitors; and

18 WHEREAS, Public Works submitted Phase One of its employee-driven, management-
19 supported Racial Equity Action Plan to the City's Office of Racial Equity with a focus on
20 workplace equity that includes approximately 100 action items organized into six categories –
21 hiring and recruitment, retention and promotion, discipline and separation, diverse and
22 equitable leadership, professional development and organizational culture of inclusion and
23 belonging; and

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1 WHEREAS, National Public Works Week is a time when the accomplishments of San
2 Francisco Public Works that benefit the people of San Francisco are recognized and
3 celebrated; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby declares May 17 through May 21,
5 2021, as Public Works Week in San Francisco and commends the 1,600 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, elected officials, schools, partner City
9 agencies and business organizations to continue to work in collaboration with Public Works to
10 enhance the quality of life in San Francisco.

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