

1 [Public Works Week - May 18, 2020, through May 22, 2020]

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3 **Resolution commending the women and men of San Francisco Public Works and**
4 **declaring May 18, 2020, through May 22, 2020, as Public Works Week in the City and**
5 **County 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, During the past year, Public Works produced significant achievements
14 including the opening of the Embarcadero SAFE Navigation Center; the groundbreaking of the
15 Maxine Hall Health Center and the Animal Care and Control shelter and headquarters;
16 completing streetscapes in the Inner Sunset, on Townsend Street, and at Trenton Street as
17 part of the Chinatown Alley Projects; expanding the staffed Pit Stop public toilets to 24
18 locations, plus an additional 31 temporary locations in response to the COVID-19 crisis, to
19 provide a safe, clean and private alternative for people who need a bathroom; paving more
20 than 650 City blocks and filling more than 14,000 potholes; supporting such Citywide cultural
21 events as San Francisco Pride, the Chinese New Year's Parade and Bay to Breakers; and
22 expanding our workforce development programs to provide job training and opportunities for
23 City residents who face barriers to employment; and

24 WHEREAS, Public Works is dedicated to community collaboration and has organized
25 monthly Community Clean Team events for 20 years, and since its inception has logged more

1 than 200,000 volunteer hours, added more than 3,500 plants to public spaces, and removed
2 more than 4 million square feet of graffiti; and

3 WHEREAS, Over the last year, Public Works has organized events that engage
4 residents, businesses, nonprofits and other City agencies to work together to clean, green and
5 beautify our shared public spaces, including Love Our City, SidewalkSpotlightSF, Holiday Eco
6 Blitz, and Battle for the Bay, which partnered with the cities of Oakland and San Jose; and

7 WHEREAS, Public Works manages the Earthquake Safety and Emergency Response
8 Bond Program, the third phase of which won overwhelming support from City voters in the
9 March 3, 2020 election to ensure first-responder buildings and infrastructure meet rigorous
10 seismic and life-safety standards when they're needed most to protect the City's residents,
11 businesses and assets; and

12 WHEREAS, During the COVID-19 pandemic, San Francisco Public Works employees,
13 as designated essential workers, are on the front lines of the City's response, putting their
14 resiliency, expertise and dedication to good use; and

15 WHEREAS, Public Works' motto #LoveOurCity means even more now than ever
16 before. As a team of more than 1,600, Public Works employees have responded to the health
17 emergency with creativity and flexibility, whether working at the City's Emergency Operations
18 Center to help coordinate our crisis response and work with partner departments, or as front-
19 line staff with essential services to clean streets, respond to tree emergencies, inspect
20 construction sites in the public right of way, revamp public health facilities, designing and
21 setting up safe sleeping sites for the unsheltered, or working remotely from home as
22 architects, engineers, analysts, finance and IT staff to keep our important public safety
23 projects going; and

24 WHEREAS, National Public Works Week is a time when Public Works demonstrates
25 what "public works" means by celebrating accomplishments and milestones and holding

1 activities that reinforce partnerships with San Francisco residents, community organizations,
2 and volunteers; and

3 WHEREAS, During Public Works Week, the agency honors the professional and
4 committed women and men who clean and resurface streets daily, plant and nurture City-
5 maintained street trees, design, construct and maintain City-owned facilities, inspect streets
6 and sidewalks, build curb ramps, eradicate graffiti, partner with neighborhoods, train people
7 for jobs, maintain the right of way, and educate our communities – collectively known as San
8 Francisco Public Works; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby declares May 18, 2020, through
10 May 22, 2020 as Public Works Week in San Francisco and commends the women and men
11 of San Francisco Public Works; and, be it

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

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