

WHEREAS, Public Works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities, and services that are of vital importance to sustainable, resilient communities, public health, high quality of life, and well-being of the people that live, work, and visit the beautiful City of Palm Desert; and

WHEREAS, these services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of Public Works professionals, who are engineers, managers, and employees in government and the private sector, responsible for rebuilding, improving, and protecting our nation's transportation, water supply, water treatment and solid waste systems, public buildings, and other essential structures and facilities; and

WHEREAS, Public Works professionals toil behind the scenes and maintain the quality of services in the City of Palm Desert, relentlessly serving all hours of the day, including extreme weather, to preserve our infrastructure, and carrying out the workplan set forth to materialize our vision for the future, such as active transportation plans; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works professionals of the City of Palm Desert, accomplished the epic feat of protecting our residents, businesses, and critical infrastructure during Tropical Storm Hilary, proclaimed a Local Emergency on the 20th of August 2023, taking quick action to utilize all resources available, using social media to give updates that gave drivers alternative routes, sparing them from the dangers of fallen trees, flooded roads, and more; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest of the community in the City of Palm Desert to solidify our respect for Public Works professionals and Public Works programs, celebrating their courage, bravery and resilience during Tropical Storm Hilary, memorializing their valor with the "Community Heroes" mural by Trinity Rivard, on the 16th of May; and

WHEREAS, the year 2024 marks the 64th annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association/Canadian Public Works Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Karina Quintanilla, Mayor of the City of Palm Desert, along with the entire City Council, do hereby celebrate our entire Public Works division and designate the week of May 19-25, 2024, as

National Public Works Week

and urge our citizens to join with representatives of the American Public Works Association and government agencies in activities, events, and ceremonies designed to pay tribute to our Public Works professionals, engineers, managers, and staff and to recognize the substantial contributions they make to protecting our national health, safety, and advancing quality of life for all.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Official Seal of the City of Palm Desert, California, to be affixed this 23rd day of May 2024.