

PROCLAMATION

RECOGNIZING MAY 18-24 2025 AS NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK IN THE CITY OF HERCULES

WHEREAS, public works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities, and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities and to public health, high quality of life, and well-being of the people of the City of Hercules; and,

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

WHEREAS, City of Hercules Public Works Maintenance and Operations Division serve as first responders to ensure roads remain open during natural disasters for emergency vehicles and evacuations, address and mitigate potential flooding during storms, and address sanitary sewer overflows as quickly as possible to limit health and safety hazards; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hercules Public Works Maintenance and Operations Division maintains and operates 60 miles of underground piping, 6 lift stations, and 9,000 sewer lateral connections; 60 center line miles of streets, approximately 100 miles of sidewalk, 11 traffic signals; 13 parks, street landscaping, the Bay Trail, the Refugio Trail, 4 community facilities, the Hercules Library and City Hall; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hercules Public Works Engineering Division administers the City's 5-Year Capital Improvement Program for the planning, design and construction of new infrastructure such as street reconstructions and sewer line replacements; performs traffic and transportation engineering including traffic calming, traffic impact studies, and regional transportation planning; and regulates private development to ensure orderly development and conformity to engineering standards through engineering plan checking and construction inspection; and

WHEREAS, the year 2025 marks the 65th annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association, designating the third week of May for citizens and civic leaders to gain knowledge of and maintain a progressive interest in the public works needs and programs of their respective communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that I, Dion Bailey, Mayor of the City of Hercules, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby designate the week of May 18–24, 2025, as National Public Works Week. I urge all citizens to pay tribute to our public works engineers, administrators, and staff for the substantial contributions they make to the health and welfare of the citizens of Hercules.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Hercules to be affixed this 13th day of May 2025.

Dion Bailey, Mayor