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**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

WHEREAS: This year, May 19–25, 2024 marks National Public Works Week; and

WHEREAS: It is a week-long recognition that falls on the third week of May every year to recognize the importance of Public Works in our municipalities across the country; *and*

WHEREAS: Public Works employees play an essential role in our city and country every day. Here in the City of Boston, their responsibilities include street sweeping, sidewalk repairs, filling potholes, maintaining street lights, trash pick up and recycling, snow removal, street engineering, infrastructure improvements, to name a few; *and*

WHEREAS: The origins of Public Works Week began during President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s administration, when he introduced a series of social security programs, expanded government services and invested \$6 billion in infrastructure through the Public Works Administration in 1935. In 1937, a cohort of public works leaders formed the American Public Works Association (APWA), and in 1960, the APWA organized the first Public Works Week to celebrate the public utility investments across the country; *and*

WHEREAS: The City of Boston Public Works team plays an indispensable role to keep our neighborhoods clean and safe, so that we can enjoy a good quality of life. They are often our first responders, responding to any infrastructure damage, assisting with snow removal, and tending to our everyday 311 requests. They ensure our essential services and infrastructures such as parks, streets, and playgrounds are performing its function, so that we can go about our daily lives; *and*

WHEREAS: Our Public Works staff are everyday unsung heroes who keep our city running. Without their work, our city will not be able to operate as effectively and efficiently. On National Public Works Week, we must not let that work go unnoticed; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the Boston City Council declares May 19-25 as National Public Works Week and recognizes and honors our Public Works staff for their dedicated services and hard work to our city.

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