



TOWN OF MERRIMACK INTER-DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATION

DATE: March 28, 2024

AT (OFFICE): DPW Administration

TO: Paul Micali, Town Manager

FROM: Dawn B. Tuomala, PE, LLS, CWS
DPW Director

RE: **Public Works Week Proclamation
Advancing Quality of Life For All**

The National Public Works week will be the Week of May 19th to 25th 2024. The Department of Public Works would like to request that the Town Council read and sign this year's Proclamation, declaring that week as Public Works Week. This year's theme is "**Advancing Quality of Life For All**".

We will be holding our annual training session on May 22nd, 2024. During the day we will have a training session in the morning followed by a luncheon and then an afternoon comradery session with all of the Divisions. This year's training session will be on how to defuse an escalating volatile situation using your words and actions.

The Merrimack Police have been involved with DPW Management to put together a training session that will help all of our employees. Each one of our Divisions face the public in very different ways and they all need help in de-escalating situations that are becoming more and more frequent.

The Town Council and Town Management are invited to come to the luncheon. It is at this time when we will also award this year's Outstanding DPW Employee of the Year award to one deserving DPW employee.

Should you have any questions please let me know,

Dawn

CC: File



National Public Works Week Proclamation

May 19–25, 2024

“Advancing Quality of Life For All”

WHEREAS, public works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities, and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities and to the public health, high quality of life, and well-being of the people of Merrimack, New Hampshire 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 who are responsible for maintaining, rebuilding, improving, and protecting our nation’s transportation, highway system, waste water treatment, drainage, and solid waste systems along with parks, public buildings, ball fields, and other structures/facilities essential for our citizens; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the citizens, civic leaders, and children in Merrimack to gain knowledge of and maintain an ongoing interest and understanding of the importance of public works and public works programs in their respective communities; and,

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

RESOLVED, We, The Merrimack Town Council do hereby designate the week May 19–25, 2024, as National Public Works Week. I urge all 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 employees 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 caused the Seal of the State (to be affixed), done at Merrimack, New Hampshire this 11th day of April 2024.

Finlay Rothhaus, Chairman

Nancy Harrington, Vice-Chair

Tom Koenig, Councilor

Barbara Healey, Councilor

Nancy Murphy, Councilor

Andy Hunter, Councilor

Mackenzie Murphy, Councilor