

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

April 27, 2020

The Honorable Todd M. Turner Chair Prince George's County Council County Administration Building Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772

Dear Chair Turner:

Enclosed for the County Council's consideration is a Resolution that expresses Prince George's County's support for declaring the week of (May 17–23, 2020) as Public Works Week in Prince George's County. Specifically, this year we would like to spotlight that our public works employees continue to provide critical services during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The American Public Works Association ("APWA") serves professionals in all aspects of public works. With a worldwide membership more than 30,000 strong, APWA includes not only personnel from local, county, state/province, and federal agencies, but also private sector personnel who supply products and services to those professionals. Although originally chartered in the United States in 1937, APWA has roots in two predecessor groups that reach back to 1894, and has 63 chapters in North America, which includes eight chapters in Canada.

The 2020 theme of the 60th National Public Works Week is "The Rhythm of Public Works" which, represents the many facets of modern civilization that grow out of the efforts put forth by the public works professionals across North America. This theme illustrates how Public Works' keeps a community's rhythm moving by providing an orchestra of infrastructure services in transportation, water, wastewater, and stormwater treatment, public buildings and spaces, parks, and grounds, emergency management and first response, solid waste, and right-of-way management. This current COVID-19 crisis highlights the importance of these critical services and dedicated employees, especially when the rhythm of normal life is disrupted.

The Council's favorable consideration of this legislation is greatly appreciated. Should you require additional information, please contact Terry L. Bellamy, Director of the Department of Public Works and Transportation, at (301) 883-5600.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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