



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the public works services provided in our communities are an integral and essential part of the everyday lives of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, support of an understanding and informed citizenry is vital to the efficient operation and maintenance of public works systems and programs, such as water, sewer, streets and highways, public buildings, stormwater, solid waste collections, and snow, ice and storm debris removal; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gastonia operates and maintains more than 700 miles of water lines, more than 662 miles of sewer lines, a water treatment plant, three wastewater treatment plants, 458 miles of streets, 170 miles of storm drains, 17,000 street signs, 141 signalized intersections, 115 miles of sidewalks, and oversees the repair and maintenance of 145 City buildings; and

WHEREAS, the City serves more than 34,700 water and 31,900 sewer customers, 25,000 solid waste customers, as well as the thousands of citizens and visitors that travel our streets every day; and the health, safety and comfort of our communities greatly depend on these facilities and services; and

WHEREAS, the quality and efficiency of these facilities, as well as their planning, design, construction, and maintenance are vitally dependent upon the skill of public works personnel.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Richard Franks, Mayor, and the City Council of the City of Gastonia, do hereby proclaim the week of **May 19 – 25, 2024** as:

NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

and call upon all citizens and civic organizations to acknowledge the many services provided through public works and to recognize the hard work and dedication that the City's Public Works Department employees exhibit every day for the benefit of our health, safety, comfort, and quality of life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have, hereunto, set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Gastonia, North Carolina, to be affixed this, the 7th day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-four.

Richard Franks, Mayor

ATTEST:

Suzanne J. Gibbs, City Clerk