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Legislation Text

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Adopt and present a resolution proclaiming the week of May 20-26, 2018 as National Public Works Week in Solano County (Supervisor Thomson)

Published Notice Required? Yes ☐ No ☒
Public Hearing Required? Yes ☐ No ☒

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Resource Management recommends that the Board adopt and present a resolution proclaiming the week of May 20-26, 2018 as National Public Works Week in Solano County.

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

National Public Works Week is observed each year during the third full week of May. It is an acknowledgement of the tens of thousands of men and women across the country who provide and maintain the infrastructure and services known as public works. National Public Works Week was initially instituted in 1960 as a public education campaign to call attention to the importance of public works in community life. Public Works professionals serve the public every day with quiet dedication, and their successes most often go unnoticed. The resolution presented today honors their commitment (Attachment A).

The American Public Works Association's dedicated theme for 2018 is "The Power of Public Works" (See poster attached), which celebrates the importance of public works in building and maintaining our roads and bridges, providing clean water, disposing of solid waste, and responding during manmade and natural disasters. As the cornerstone of civilization, public works provides, maintains, and improves the structures and services that assure a higher quality of life for our communities.

It's also important during this week to recognize the importance of safety in Public Works activities. Another theme for this year is "2018 Work Zone Safety: Everybody's Responsibility" which puts a focus on the responsibility we all have in keeping our roadway work zones safe. Engineers and work crews are trained to implement and maintain best safety practices in construction zones. Drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians need continuing education to obey all signage and traffic rules, as well as raise their level of safety caution and awareness in construction zones.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact on the General Fund in proclaiming the week of May 20-26, 2018 as National Public Works Week. The staff time costs in preparing this item is paid by the Road Fund.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board could choose to not approve the resolution. This is not recommended because the proclamation raises public awareness and provides positive exposure to the importance of public works in our communities.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

National Public Works Week is being recognized by local agencies across the United States.

CAO RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION