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## CITY OF HOPEWELL CELEBRATES NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

**HOPEWELL, VA.** National Public Works Week (NPWW) is a celebration of the tens of thousands of men and women in North America who provide and maintain the infrastructure and services collectively known as public works.

Instituted as a public education campaign by the American Public Works Association (APWA) in 1960, NPWW calls attention to the importance of public works in community life. The Week seeks to enhance the prestige of the often-unsung heroes of our society-the professionals who serve the public good every day with quiet dedication.

Some special highlights of NPWW include a United States Senate resolution affirming the first National Public Works Week in 1960, letters of acknowledgment from Presidents Dwight Eisenhower and Lyndon Johnson, and a Presidential Proclamation signed by John F. Kennedy in 1962.

National Public Works Week is observed each year during the third full week of May. Through NPWW and other efforts, APWA seeks to raise the public's awareness of public works issues and to increase confidence in public works employees who are dedicated to improving the quality of life for present and future generations.

*"The Public Works Department in Hopewell, Virginia, is responsible for many programs that impact the quality of life for the city residents; and those who visit our city. From providing timely trash collection and ensuring well-maintained streets to being one of the first responders during disasters, our team takes great pride in providing the best services possible with the limited funding that we receive" said Edward Watson, Director, Public Works, City of Hopewell.*

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