

## Proclamation No. 17-0605

## Designating May 21 through May 27 as "Public Works Week in Denver" and Congratulating the Denver Public Works Department's Ten Employees of the Year for 2016

**WHEREAS,** in celebrating the American Public Works Association's 2017 theme of "Public Works Connects Us", we recognize that Denver Public Works, through its 1,300 employees, consistently delivers safe, high quality, cost-effective services to the citizens of Denver; and

WHEREAS, as our city grows, Denver Public Works connects more people with a strategic vision focusing on SMART growth and making Denver more Sustainable, Multimodal, Attractive, Resilient, and Transparent; and

**WHEREAS**, Denver Public Works employees are integral to our residents' everyday lives, delivering services that include street sweeping, recycling and refuse collection, pothole repairs, street paving, and mobility programs supported by top-notch vehicle and equipment technicians; and

**WHEREAS**, Denver Public Works enhances the quality of life in our City by managing and maintaining public infrastructure including streets, alleys, drainage ways, sewers, bridges, traffic signals, street markings, signage and on-street parking, as well as contracting, procurement, cashiering and permitting programs that meet the needs of the public; and

WHEREAS, Denver Public Works continues to make significant contributions to our city's built environment, managing the planning, design, and construction of public infrastructure and new transportation options that help people get around town with greater ease; and

WHEREAS, Public Works would like to honor the loss of **Steve Hersey**, Director of Traffic Operations and City Traffic Engineer since 2013 whose 'out of the box' thinking and level headed approach will make him honorary Employee of the Year posthumously. His bright light will shine forever in our hearts; and

WHEREAS, the Council specifically recognizes and congratulates the Denver Public Works Employees of the Year for 2016 for their achievements:

DAVID SHAW Capital Projects Management

AMBER ZOLLO Finance & Administration

ROBERT JURGENS Fleet Management

JOE PURVIS Right-of-Way Enforcement/Permitting

BILL GORDON Right of Way Services

HEATHER BURKE Office of the Executive Director

KYLE SMITH Solid Waste Management

TIM BOWEN Street Maintenance

TARA NGUYEN Transportation & Mobility

Wastewater Management

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

**Section 1.** That the Council designates the week of May 21 through May 27, 2017, as "Public Works Week in Denver" and congratulates the Denver Public Works' "2016 Employees of the Year" for their outstanding contributions to the Department and City.

**Section 2.** That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall attest and affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation, and that copies hereof be forwarded to Denver Public Works and the ten Public Works employees listed above.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL May 22, 2017

ALBA PRESIDENT