



# PROCLAMATION



## NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK MAY 21 – 27, 2023

**WHEREAS**, public works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities and to the public health, high quality of life and well-being of the people of DeKalb; and

**WHEREAS**, these infrastructure, facilities and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, who are engineers, managers, and employees at all levels of government and the private sector, who are responsible for rebuilding, improving, and protecting our nation's transportation, water supply, water treatment and solid waste systems, public buildings, and other structures and facilities essential for our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the public interest for the citizens, civic leaders and children in DeKalb to gain knowledge of and to maintain an ongoing interest and understanding of the importance of public works and public works programs in their respective communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the year 2023 marks the 63<sup>rd</sup> annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association/Canadian Public Works Association.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Cohen Barnes, Mayor of the City of DeKalb, Illinois, do hereby designate the week May 21 - 27, 2023, as National Public Works Week and urge all citizens to join with representatives of the American Public Works Association and government agencies in activities, events, and ceremonies designed to pay tribute to our public works professionals, engineers, managers, and employees and to recognize the substantial contributions they make to protecting our national health, safety, and quality of life.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of DeKalb to be affixed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2023.



COHEN BARNES  
Mayor