

**WHEREAS,** public works services provided in our community are an integral part of our neighbors' everyday lives; and

**WHEREAS,** the support of an understanding and informed citizenry is vital to the efficient operation of public works systems and programs, such as water, sewer, streets, engineering, records, and fleet services; and

**WHEREAS,** the health, safety, and comfort of the Battle Creek community greatly depend on these services; and

**WHEREAS,** the quality and effectiveness of these services, as well as their planning, design, and construction, are vitally dependent upon the efforts and skill of public works employees; and

**WHEREAS,** the efficiency of the qualified and dedicated personnel who staff the Battle Creek Department of Public Works is materially influenced by the people's attitude and understanding of the importance of the work they perform; and

**WHEREAS,** City of Battle Creek staff work through our website, social media, regional media outlets, and more to educate our neighbors about our Department of Public Works services and staff; and

**WHEREAS,** the 2018 theme, from the American Public Works Association, is "The Power of Public Works";

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Mark A. Behnke, Mayor of the City of Battle Creek, Michigan, do hereby proclaim *May 20-26 2018*, as

**"NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK"**

in the Greater Battle Creek area.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Logo of the City of Battle Creek, Michigan, to be affixed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 2018.



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Mayor Mark A. Behnke