

**PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK**

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 in the Village of Lombard; 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, the health, safety and well-being of the Village of Lombard greatly depends on these programs and services provided by the Lombard Public Works Department; and

WHEREAS, the 53 men and women of the Lombard Public Works Department are responsible for maintaining 278 miles of roadway, 185 miles of watermain, 136 miles of sanitary sewers, 112 miles of storm sewers, 3,390 street lights, 37 traffic signals, 36 facilities, 220 miles of sidewalks and over 19,000 parkway trees; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the citizens, civic leaders and children in the Village of Lombard to gain knowledge of and to maintain a progressive interest and understanding of the importance of public works and public works programs in their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, from April 17th to May 8th the Department of Public Works held its Public Works Citizens Academy to educate and engage the public on how, what and why Public Works does the things it does. The conclusion of the Citizens Public Works Academy coincides with the recognition of National Public Works Week; and

WHEREAS, the American Public Works Association has celebrated the annual National Public Works Week since 1960;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Keith Giagnorio, President of the Village of Lombard, do hereby proclaim the week of May 21, 2023 through May 27, 2023 as **NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK** in the Village of Lombard, and I call upon all citizens and civic organizations to acquaint themselves with the issues involved in providing our public works services and to recognize the contributions which public works officials make every day to our health, safety, comfort and quality of life.



Keith T. Giagnorio
Village President