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BOARD COVER MEMO

DATE: May 13, 2009

TO: Board of County Commissioners

DEPT.: Public Works

PRESENTED BY: Marsha Miller, Public Works Director and Bill Morgan, County Engineer

ITEM TITLE: **IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MAY 17, 2009 THROUGH MAY 23, 2009 LANE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS WEEK**

I. MOTION

Move that the Lane County Board of County Commissioners proclaim the week of May 17, 2009 through May 23, 2009 Lane County Public Works Week.

II. DISCUSSION

A. Background/Analysis

National Public Works Week 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 in 1960, National Public Works Week 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.

Over the years, public works agencies and professionals have been encouraged to take the opportunity to make their stories known in their communities. The occasion has been marked each year with scores of resolutions and proclamations from mayors, county commissions, and governors. 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.

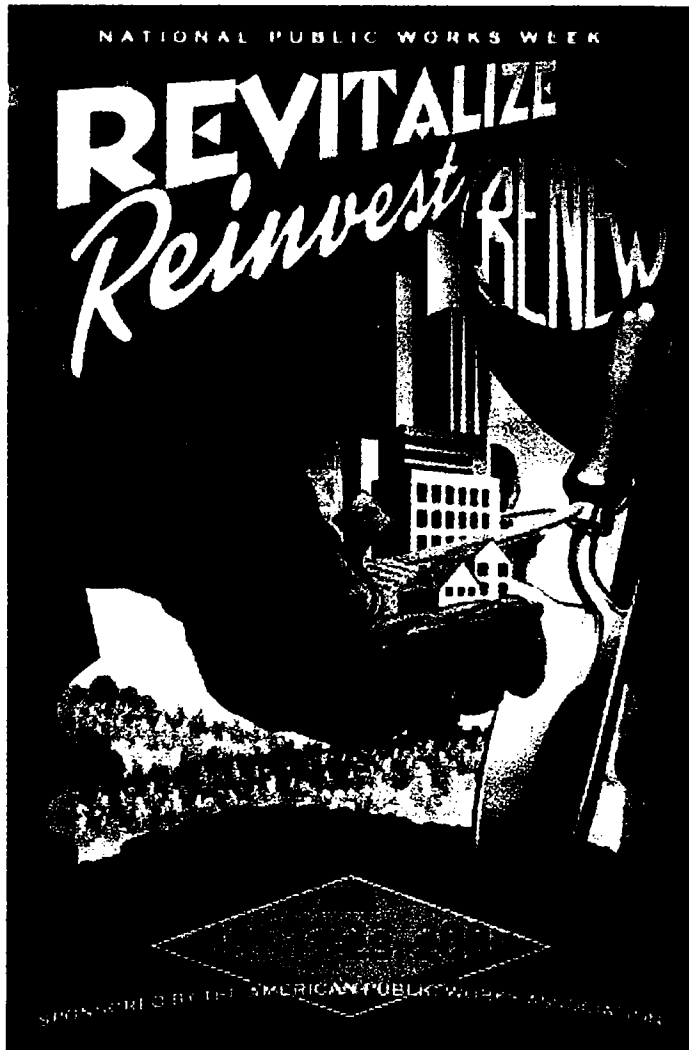
Lane County is home to numerous public works agencies with long and proud histories of service to our communities, the county, state, and nation; including Lane County, ODOT, BLM, USFS, Cities of Eugene, Springfield, Cottage Grove, Florence, other public agencies, and numerous private sector partners.

B. Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Board proclaim May 17, 2009 through May 23, 2009 Lane County Public Works Week.

III. ATTACHMENTS

1. 2009 National Public Works Week Poster



Attachment 1

IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO.

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WHEREAS, public works services provided in our community are an integral part of our citizens' 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 roads and highways, solid waste collection, public fleet operations, parks, land use and construction permitting, water, sewer, and storm water management; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety, and comfort of this county greatly depends on these facilities and services; and

WHEREAS, the quality and effectiveness of these facilities, as well as their planning, design, and construction, is vitally dependent upon the efforts and skill of public works officials; and

WHEREAS, the efficiency of the qualified and dedicated personnel who staff public works departments is materially influenced by the people's attitude and understanding of the importance of the work they perform,

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the week of May 17 through 23 be proclaimed as Lane County Public Works Week.

DATED this 13th day of May, 2009.

Peter Sorenson, Chair,
Lane County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Date 4-23-09 lane county


OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL