

Proclamation

**Recognizing the Week of May 21-27, 2023
as 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 everyone in Monroe; and

WHEREAS, *Imagine Monroe* states who our community aspires be today and into the future and our Public Works Department personnel are integral to realizing this aspiration, including that we *Imagine Monroe* where "our waterways and environment are healthy and accessible for everyone to enjoy," where we invest in and advocate for "regional connections", and where we "strengthen connections... through community-centered infrastructure – creating a safe place for all"; and

WHEREAS, our infrastructure, facilities, and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, who are federally mandated first responders, and the public works employees delivering services at all levels of government and in the private sector, and who are responsible for maintaining, rebuilding, improving, and protecting our nation's transportation, water supply, water treatment, public buildings, public fleet, and other structures and facilities essential for our residents, employers and employees, and visitors; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the residents, civic leaders, and children in Monroe to gain knowledge of and to maintain a proactive interest and understanding of the importance of public works and public works programs in their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, the year 2023 marks the 63rd annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association, and "*Connecting the World Through Public Works*," the theme for Public Works Week 2023, illustrates how public works connects us all through infrastructure and service, enhancing the quality of life for the communities these professionals serve.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor of the City of Monroe, Washington, do hereby recognize the week of May 21-27, 2023 as

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and encourage Monroe's residents and employers to learn more about the infrastructure that our public works employees build and maintain to support our community and to recognize the substantial contributions they make to protecting our national health, safety, and quality of life.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Geoffrey Thomas", is written over a horizontal line.

Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor