

Proclamation

**Recognizing the Week of May 18-24, 2025  
as 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 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 2025 marks the 65<sup>th</sup> annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association, and "*People, Purpose, Presence*" the theme for Public Works Week 2025, highlights three cornerstone ideals that motivate public works professionals to serve in their communities every day.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor of the City of Monroe, Washington, do hereby recognize the week of May 18-24, 2025 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