

CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE



Proclamation

Public Works Week

May 17 - 23, 2026

WHEREAS public works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities, solid waste, street maintenance, engineering, and traffic field operations and services to make Charlottesville's quality of life better for people to live, work, play and visit; and

WHEREAS these infrastructure, facilities, and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, who are engineers, managers, skilled trades, equipment operators, and employees at all levels of government, who are responsible for rebuilding, improving, and protecting public buildings, and other structures and facilities essential for our community members; and

WHEREAS the Public Works Department maintains 160 miles of streets, 155 miles of sidewalks, over 1,500 ADA ramps, 75 traffic signals, 13,000 traffic signs, 70 buildings consisting of 1.6 million square feet, and 655 vehicles and pieces of equipment and responded to five snow events clearing streets and 31 miles of sidewalk and trails; and,

WHEREAS the Public Works Department is responsible for a \$30 million operation budget, manages the engineering, project management and construction to include \$125 million for transportation projects and a \$260 million five-year capital improvement program; and

WHEREAS it is in the public interest of Charlottesville to gain knowledge of and maintain an ongoing interest and understanding of the importance of public works programs in their respective communities; and

WHEREAS the year 2026 marks the 66th annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association/Canadian Public Works Association;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT the week of May 17–23, 2026, is Public Works Week in the City of Charlottesville, and we urge all community members to join in activities, events, and ceremonies designed to pay tribute to our public works professionals and to recognize the substantial contributions they make in advancing quality of life for all.

Signed and sealed this 18th day of May 2026.

Juandiego Wade, Mayor

Kyna Thomas, Clerk