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U.S. and Canadian Elected Officials Declare National Public Works Week

Washington, D.C. – Governors of 38 U.S. states and Premiers of six Canadian provinces have declared May 18-24 National Public Works Week (NPWW), sponsored by the American Public Works Association (APWA), in recognition of the important contributions public works professionals make in the stewardship of infrastructure. In addition, the U.S. Senate passed a resolution (S.Res. 457) designating May 18-24, 2014 as National Public Works Week, and the Canadian Prime Minister, the Right Honourable Stephen Harper, acknowledged public works professionals, as did numerous mayors and city councils across the U.S. and Canada. The U.S. Naval Facilities Engineering Command, with its 10,000 public works professionals, celebrated and recognized the important contributions they make day in and day out.

“APWA applauds federal, state, provincial and local elected officials and our military leaders for their proclamations, resolutions, and declarations in support of National Public Works Week. Their support of the vital importance of public works professionals recognizes the enormous contribution that public works professionals make to their communities by providing and maintaining our transportation, water systems, utilities, emergency response operations and other essential infrastructure,” noted APWA Executive Director Peter B. King.

Instituted in 1960, NPWW is sponsored by the American Public Works Association (APWA) annually each May to recognize and raise awareness of the contributions of public works professionals and the crucial role that infrastructure, facilities and services play in the quality of life in all communities. The 2014 National Public Works theme is “Building for Today, Planning for Tomorrow.”

To view the APWA 2014 National Public Works Week proclamations and resolutions, visit the APWA web page at: <http://www.apwa.net/discover/National-Public-Works-Week/NPWW-proclamations>, or visit www.apwa.net/npww.

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About APWA:

The American Public Works Association (www.apwa.net) is a not-for-profit, international organization of more than 28,000 members involved in the field of public works. APWA serves its members by promoting professional excellence and public awareness through education, advocacy and the exchange of knowledge. APWA is headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri, has an office in Washington, D.C., along with 63 chapters across North America.

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