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TO: Mayor Chelminiak and City Councilmembers

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SUBJECT: Public Works Week Proclamation

The City's Public Works employees provide critical services for residents, businesses and visitors. Staff in the Transportation, Utilities and Finance and Asset Management departments maintain a wide range of essential facilities and equipment.

Water and sewer lines, streets and bridges, and vehicles and public buildings are assets the public depends upon every day. Employees in these departments work diligently to prevent problems and make themselves available 24/7 in case something does go wrong.

A good illustration of their dedication is the response to a series of snowstorms that hit Bellevue in February 2019:

- Public works staff, and other employees from several City departments, worked around the clock for 13 straight days to clear roads and maintain access to critical services;
- Dozens of staff filled 12-hour shifts, drove more than 33,000 miles in 30-plus City vehicles, covering 1,200 snowplow routes; and
- Employees logged more than 1,000 snow-related work orders during the two-week period.

Public Works Week, sponsored by the American Public Works Association, is an opportunity to recognize the hard work by this group of staff. Tonight's Proclamation is to acknowledge and thank them for their efforts.