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PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT THIS YEAR

SUFFOLK, VA (May 4, 2020) Public Service Recognition Week 2020 is celebrated from May 3rd through May 9th, and provides us with the opportunity to recognize and honor the men and women who serve our nation as local, county, state, and federal government employees.

During these unprecedented times in our nation due to the Coronavirus pandemic, their work is more important than at any time in our living memory as even though many businesses, schools, and facilities are closed and citizens are following stay at home orders and practicing social distancing, the business of our respective governments must continue. These government employees remain on the frontlines in good times and bad and remain ready and willing to serve our fellow citizens.

Celebrated the first week of May since 1985, these government employees are oftentimes behind the scenes, but they are our friends, neighbors, and family members that work diligently and are committed to making life better for all of us as necessary services have continued, productive partnerships have been forged, and ongoing recovery efforts are implemented.

Emergency managers, first responders, and law enforcement are continuing to provide life-saving care, comfort, and support to those affected. Sanitation workers

are keeping our communities clean. Our roadways continue to be maintained. Those in need are connected to resources for food and other essentials. Small businesses that have been affected receive guidance and information. Virtual learning and other innovative opportunities for engagement continue. Citizens can turn on their faucets knowing there's no lapse in service. The list of how our citizens remain protected and supported goes on and on.

Beginning last week, and continuing on throughout the closure to the public of City facilities in keeping with the Governor's Orders, we have been featuring on a daily basis each week information and photos on social media of those that continue to perform the work of local government in our "We're Here for You!" postings.

As we start to see a promising forecast and eventual recovery, these same individuals will play a crucial role in restarting our economy and continuing to provide help to our citizens, as together we will complete the work of rebuilding and restoring not only this great City, but also this great Country.

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