



National Public Works Week Proclamation

May 18-24, 2025

“People, Purpose, Presence”

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 the people of Schertz, Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Schertz Public Works Department consists of three divisions: Streets, Drainage, and Water/Wastewater. There are 46 employees in the Public Works Department. Streets has 12 employees, Drainage Division has 8 employees, Water/ Wastewater-Division has 20 employees, Sign Shop/Traffic Control has 2 and the Administrative and Support Staff has 4 employees; and

WHEREAS, each division is responsible for servicing and maintaining different areas of the City and its infrastructure. Drainage is responsible for floodways, floodplains and public rights-of-way. Streets is responsible for City streets, sidewalks, curbs, signage, traffic control and traffic safety. Water/Wastewater is responsible for the City's water distribution and wastewater collection systems; and

WHEREAS, these infrastructure, facilities and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, who are engineers, managers, and employees at all levels of government and the private sector, who are responsible for rebuilding, improving, and protecting our nation's transportation, water supply, water treatment and solid waste systems, public buildings, and other structures and facilities essential for our citizens; and,

WHEREAS, Public Works is a First Responder department and is on call 24/7. The Department responds to a wide variety of emergency calls ranging from infrastructure problems such as traffic signal outage and water main breaks to extreme weather events with downed trees or flooded roadways. The department also provides emergency assistance to other City departments such as PD and Fire when needed; and

WHEREAS, Schertz Public Works serves the entire City, covering roughly 32.2 square miles. Within the City, the department maintains approximately 220 Acres of drainage ditches, 180 miles of roadway, 250 miles of water main and 137 miles of sewer main; and

WHEREAS, the year 2025 marks the 65th annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association/Canadian Public Works Association, who have chosen as the theme “People, Purpose, Presence”; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I, Ralph Gutierrez, Mayor of the City of Schertz, Texas, do hereby designate **the week May 18-24, 2025 as National Public Works Week**

and I urge all citizens to pay tribute to our public works professionals, engineers, managers and employees and to recognize the substantial contributions they make to protecting our national health, safety, and quality of life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Schertz, Texas to be affixed on this 6th day of May 2025.

Ralph Gutierrez, Mayor