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The Honorable Jessica M. Caloza
California State Assembly
1021 O Street, Room 5620
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: HR 95 (Caloza): National Public Works Week
Notice of SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Caloza,

On behalf of the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), representing all 58 counties, we are proud to express our strong support for House Resolution (HR) 95 (Caloza), which would designate May 18 through May 24 as National Public Works Week in California. County public works professionals are responsible for the daily functioning, safety, and long-term resilience of our communities. They plan, design, construct, operate, and maintain the critical infrastructure systems that residents and businesses depend upon, including roads and bridges, drinking water and wastewater systems, stormwater infrastructure, public facilities, and transportation networks. Their work is fundamental to protecting public health through safe and reliable water and sanitation services, sustaining economic vitality by ensuring the efficient movement of goods and people, and enhancing quality of life through well-maintained and accessible public spaces.

Equally important, public works professionals serve as frontline emergency responders. During disasters and emergencies, local public works departments play a critical and highly visible role in both immediate response and long-term recovery. Their maintenance and operations personnel are often among the first to mobilize, clearing debris, restoring roadway access, and ensuring that police, fire, and emergency medical services can safely reach affected areas. In practice, public works professionals provide essential emergency support across a wide range of incidents. Following major wildfire events, crews remove hazardous debris and reopen critical transportation corridors, enabling life-saving response efforts. During flooding, they deploy pumps, reinforce levees, and actively manage stormwater systems to mitigate damage and protect homes and businesses. In the aftermath of earthquakes, they inspect and stabilize damaged infrastructure, restore mobility, and reestablish essential public services. These responsibilities, performed under challenging and often dangerous conditions, are vital to safeguarding communities and accelerating recovery. National Public



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Works Week provides an important opportunity to formally recognize the professionalism, expertise, and dedication of these individuals, while also elevating public awareness of the importance of sustained infrastructure investment, workforce development, and cultivating the next generation of public works leaders.

As California continues to confront growing challenges, including climate change, aging infrastructure, population growth, and evolving regulatory demands, recognizing and supporting the public works workforce is more important than ever. HR 95 appropriately acknowledges the essential role these professionals play and promotes greater public appreciation for the services that underpin the health, safety, and prosperity of our communities. For these reasons, CSAC proudly supports HR 95 (Caloza) and thanks you for your leadership in advancing this important resolution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Neuburger". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mark Neuburger
Legislative Advocate
California State Association of Counties