

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ADDISON, TEXAS, DESIGNATING PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES AS FIRST RESPONDERS; AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS FIRST RESPONDER SYMBOL AS ADOPTED BY THE AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION (APWA); AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, Public Works plays a vital role in responding to emergencies by supporting public safety emergency response partners, helping protect essential services, and restoring those services following an emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2017, the American Public Works Association (“APWA”) created a national “Public Works First Responder” symbol to be used throughout North America to recognize Public Works professionals as “First Responders”; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Incident Management System (“NIMS”) lists Public Works alongside Police, Fire, and Public Health workers in its documentation; and

**WHEREAS**, the efforts of Public Works First Responders represent an essential function protecting our citizens and communities that no other agency provides; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Addison (“Town”) would like to authorize the Public Works and Engineering Department to use the “Public Works First Responder” symbol, as adopted by the American Public Works Association, to raise awareness among all citizens, government officials, and other first responders about the critical role Public Works plays in emergency management efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds it in the public’s best interest to designate the Town’s Public Works and Engineering employees as First Responders.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ADDISON, TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1.** The above recitals are confirmed, adopted, and incorporated herein and made a part of hereof by this reference.

**SECTION 2.** The Town of Addison Public Works and Engineering Department employees are hereby designated as First Responders. The Town’s Public Works and Engineering Departments are authorized to use the “Public Works First Responder” symbol, as adopted by the APWA.

**SECTION 3.** The City Manager is hereby authorized to take such action as may be necessary to implement the purpose and the provisions of this Resolution.

**SECTION 4.** This Resolution shall be effective from and after the date of passage.

**DULY RESOLVED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the Town of Addison, Texas,  
on this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025.

**TOWN OF ADDISON, TEXAS**

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Bruce Arfsten, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Valencia Garcia, City Secretary

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Whitt Wyatt, City Attorney

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