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Office of the Mayor

PROCLAMATION

- Whereas,*** the week of May 10 through 14, 2021, is observed both in West Virginia and nationally as Infrastructure Week; and
- Whereas,*** the City of Morgantown, West Virginia, relies on critical infrastructure, including our roads and bridges, our railroads, our locks and dams, our airports, our sidewalks and rail-trails, our water system, our power grid, our broadband internet, and our connectivity to the regional, national, and global economy through the aforementioned modes of transportation; and
- Whereas,*** this infrastructure enhances our local and regional economy, our quality of life, our safety, our public health, and the strength of our communities as demonstrated by some recent local infrastructure investments, such as the annual city paving program, 8th Street sidewalk, bike lane, and trail access, the enhancements at Hazel Ruby McQuain Riverfront Park, and investment in the MUB Raw Water Reservoir; and
- Whereas,*** nationally, decades of deferred maintenance and underfunding have pushed our infrastructure to the point of a crisis, with preventable catastrophic failures, including derailments and collapses, occurring as a result; and
- Whereas,*** the United States of America risks losing its competitive advantage to foreign economies by failing to adequately invest in its infrastructure; and
- Whereas,*** the American economy is wasting both time and money due to our failing infrastructure; and
- Whereas,*** every dollar invested in infrastructure generates nearly two dollars in economic output; and
- Whereas,*** to grow our economy, keep Americans safe, and strengthen our communities, we need all levels of government to work with the private sector to rebuild and repair our nation's infrastructure; and
- Whereas,*** Infrastructure Week has been established to highlight our infrastructure needs and to encourage our leadership at the federal, state, and local levels to support future infrastructure projects.

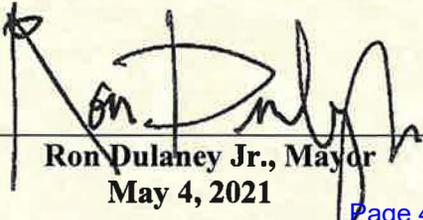
Now, therefore be it resolved that I, Ron Dulaney Jr., Mayor of the City of Morgantown, West Virginia, on behalf of the City Council on this 4th day of April, do hereby recognize the week of May 10 through 14, 2021,
as

Infrastructure Week

and urges the citizens of community to join in this special observance with appropriate acknowledgements and learning opportunities found at the National Infrastructure Week website: www.infrastructureweek.org.

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Ron Dulaney Jr., Mayor
May 4, 2021