

CITY COUNCIL

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, engineers use their scientific and technical expertise to create innovative solutions that improve quality of life and address societal needs, and they play a crucial role in solving major technological challenges of our time—such as designing efficient building systems and rebuilding communities devastated by natural disasters; and,

WHEREAS, engineering is often called the invisible or stealth profession, as everything around us—from the systems we use daily to the infrastructure we rely on—has been engineered in some way, even though we may not see the engineers behind the scenes or fully understand the profession's impact on our lives; and,

WHEREAS, founded in 1951 by the National Society of Professional Engineers, National Engineers Week (E-Week) is dedicated to raising public awareness of engineers' positive contributions to quality of life and inspiring future generations to pursue careers in engineering and technology; and,

WHEREAS, E-Week is supported by a coalition of over 70 engineering, education, and cultural societies, with more than 50 corporations and government agencies working together to foster a diverse and well-educated engineering workforce, and to promote the importance of math, science, and technology literacy in creating a vigorous future engineering workforce; and,

WHEREAS, the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) plays a key role in advancing the heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and refrigeration (HVAC&R) industry by setting industry standards and certifying and educating professionals nationwide; and,

WHEREAS, the Triangle Chapter of ASHRAE, represented by 2024-2025 Chapter President and Professional Engineer Harrison Kesling, would like to acknowledge engineers across the City of Raleigh in honor of National Engineers Week, observed February 16-22, 2025, and especially the City of Raleigh Engineering Staff and those involved in the design and construction of City of Raleigh projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, do I Janet Cowell, Mayor of the City of Raleigh, North Carolina, hereby proclaim February 16th-22nd, 2025, as

NATIONAL ENGINEERS WEEK

And encourage all residents, businesses, and organizations to participate in activities that celebrate engineering and its positive impact on our community.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Raleigh, North Carolina, to be affixed this 5th day of February 2025.

Janet R. Cowell, Mayor

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