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**City of Willows Celebrates and Honors National Police and Public Works Weeks,
as well as Memorial Day**

(Willows, CA) – On Tuesday, May 14, the Willows City Council honored law enforcement, especially those who have lost their lives in the line of duty, the Public Works profession and paid homage to those who served our country and died in battle as a result of war.

“May God bless my brother and sister peace officers and our nation's military personnel who make the ultimate sacrifice every day to protect our lives at home and abroad. Wearing a badge is an extremely dangerous and noble profession. For those who have lost their lives honorably serving, may they rest in peace and be in our prayers. For our country's fallen soldiers, please keep these special men and women in your thoughts and prayers as we celebrate Memorial Day and remember always that freedom is not free,” commented Mayor Hansen.

National Police Week is May 12-18, 2024. This week (and always) is a good time to recognize and “thank” law enforcement officers for their service.

In partnership with the Glenn County Sheriff's Office, the City looks forward to participating in and hopefully co-hosting a National Night Out event on Tuesday, August 6, 2024, continuing to recognize the importance of law enforcement in our communities and the public's right to “take back the night” from lawlessness and criminals.

The city also recognized National Public Works Week (May 19-25) honoring the City's Public Works employees and the profession. As part of next week's celebration, the Corporation Yard will be open to the public on **Wednesday, May 22 from 11:00 to 1:00 pm**. Please stop by, enjoy a few appetizers, tour the facility and equipment (new and old) and talk with city staff about their work.

When asked to comment on Public Works Week, Joe Bettencourt, the City's Community Development & Services Director had this to say, “I appreciate the Public Works Division's tireless dedication to the maintenance of our streets, parks, sewer system, rights-of-way, public buildings, and special districts. They provide these services with outdated equipment that is frequently in disrepair and very limited staff - a testament to their commitment to the City of Willows.”

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