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What is the Florida Local Government Coalition?

The FLGC was developed to advocate for local governments by educating residents and sharing resources among its members. The Florida League of Cities manages the coalition, which now has more than 25 local government association partners. APWA FL Chapter is a member of the FLGC Steering Committee with Jim Myers serving as one of the Committee Chairs.

For 2013, the Coalition's primary initiative is **"to help Florida citizens understand, appreciate and support local government and the services and values these governments bring to millions of lives each day."** To do this, the coalition is launching a public awareness campaign with the theme **Local Government – Quality Services You Can Trust.**

To help promote this theme, the official name of the public awareness campaign is **"Local Works."** The Coalition chose **"Local Works"** for its simplicity, and because the term **"works"** tends to have a public services connotation.

On **July 25**, representatives of the 25+ associations attended a workshop and press conference to kick off the initiative, coming together for the first time since the group was formed.

Local Works Day, to be held on **September 6, 2013**, will be a major component of the public awareness campaign. This is an opportunity for members of the Coalition to engage, educate and interact with their communities by celebrating the trusted services that local governments provide.

Although this initiative is year-long, Coalition members see it as an ongoing effort. The hope is that all local government associations will continue to promote this important initiative throughout the year and beyond. Local governments provide trusted services that millions of Floridians depend on. It's time to share our stories.



WHEREAS, our nation has a proud history of its local governments providing meaningful services on behalf of the American people;

WHEREAS, local governments assemble thought leaders from various trades and industries to develop new ideas, spread information and facilitate progress;

WHEREAS, local governments have traditionally worked with citizens to create a strong sense of community;

WHEREAS, local governments disseminate important information to their citizens and work with them to make better decisions at the local level;

WHEREAS, public works services provided in our community are an integral part of our citizens' everyday lives;

WHEREAS, the support of an understanding and informed citizenry is vital to the efficient operation of public works systems and programs such as water, sewers, streets and highways, public buildings, solid waste collection, parks and canal maintenance;

WHEREAS, the health, safety, and comfort of this community greatly depends on these facilities and services;

WHEREAS, the Florida Local Government Coalition (FLGC) encourages Florida's associations to promote local government services, and proclaims a Local Works Day in celebration of its member associations and the essential roles they play to be held on September 6, 2013;

NOW, THEREFORE, The Florida Chapter of the American Public Works Association does hereby proclaim September 6, 2013 as Local Works Day, and calls upon its members to acquaint themselves with the issues involved in providing our public works; and to recognize the contributions which public works officials make every day to our health, safety, comfort, and quality of life.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED at the APWA FL Chapter Executive Committee this _____.

APWA FL Chapter President

ATTEST:

APWA FL Chapter Past President

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Today, on behalf of the Florida Chapter of the American Public Works Association (APWA-FL), I am writing to share with you a brief reminder of how public works is a key factor to the lifestyle we enjoy here in our community.

There is tremendous value in our community's public works departments and employees because they provide our citizens with safe streets, running water, working traffic lights, public buildings, trash collection and much more. The health, safety, and comfort of this community greatly depend on these facilities and services.

As an expanding association with over 1,300 statewide members (28,000+ members nationwide), APWA provides important educational services to legislators and students about how public works enrich our lives every day. APWA is proud to promote these excellent resources in hopes of maintaining them for future generations to come.

The American Public Works Association exists to develop and support the people, agencies, and organizations that plan, build, maintain, and improve our communities. Working together, APWA and its membership contribute to a higher and sustainable quality of life. Public works services provided in our community are an integral part of our citizens' everyday lives.

Public works systems and programs such as water, sewers, streets and highways, public buildings, solid waste collection, parks and canal maintenance are vital to sustaining the lifestyle that Floridians enjoy every day in our community. APWA plays a central role in advocating for these interests, and we appreciate your time and support for these services we provide. Please visit <http://florida.apwa.net/> to learn more.

Sincerely,

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