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Mayor William Samaras
and
Members of the City Council

SUBJECT: National Community Development Week – April 22-26, 2019

Dear Mayor Samaras and Members of the City Council:

The City of Lowell will join communities across the country to celebrate National Community Development Week from Monday, April 22nd through Friday, April 26th. This annual celebration is designed to focus attention on the outstanding accomplishments over the past 45 years of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

Lowell has relied on these essential programs to provide core funding for numerous public and nonprofit activities, as well as key funding sources for most of the City's major economic development initiatives; including the JAM and Acre Urban Renewal Plans and the redevelopment of the Hamilton Canal Innovation District.

With the possibility of cuts in the CDBG program, National Community Development Week is an ideal opportunity to showcase the importance of the CDBG Program for the City of Lowell and its community partners.

Attached is the schedule of events the City and grant subrecipients will host to call attention to local programs supported with these federal funds. Members of the City Council and the public are invited to attend these events throughout the week.

Should you have any questions about National Community Development Week or the activities funded through this program, please do not hesitate to contact Diane Tradd, Assistant City Manager/DPD Director.

Sincerely,

Eileen M. Donoghue
City Manager

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Attachment

cc: Diane Tradd, Assistant City Manager/DPD Director
Craig Thomas, Deputy Director
Christopher Samaras, Community Development Director