WHEREAS, engineers use their scientific skills and specialized knowledge and skills in creative and innovative ways to fulfill society's needs; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1951, National Engineers Week (EWeek) is dedicated to ensuring a diverse and well-educated future engineering workforce by increasing understanding of, and interest in, engineering and technology careers; and

WHEREAS, EWeek is a formal coalition of more than 70 engineering, education and cultural societies, with more than 50 corporations and government agencies dedicated to raising public awareness of engineers' positive contributions to quality of life; and

WHEREAS, EWeek promotes recognition among parents, teachers and students of the importance of a technical education and a high level of math, science and technology literacy, and motivates youth to pursue engineering careers to provide a diverse and vigorous engineering workforce; and

WHEREAS, ASHRAE, the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers, sets standards for the heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration industry, in addition to certifying and educating people in the industry all across the country; and

WHEREAS, the Bluegrass Chapter of ASHRAE would like to acknowledge engineers across Lexington in honor of National Engineers Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIM GRAY, MAYOR OF LEXINGTON, DO HEREBY DECLARE FEBRUARY 18-24, 2018, NATIONAL ENGINEERS WEEK IN LEXINGTON.