

WHEREAS the strength of local government depends upon transparency, accountability, and the responsible stewardship of public resources; and

WHEREAS, professional public procurement serves as a cornerstone of ethical governance, ensuring that taxpayer dollars are expended with integrity, fairness, and unwavering commitment to the public good; and

WHEREAS, the procurement professionals of the City of Delray Beach safeguard the public trust by promoting open and equitable competition, enforcing compliance with applicable laws and policies, and advancing strategic practices that maximize value for our community; and

WHEREAS, through innovation in contracting, strategic sourcing, technology integration, supplier engagement, and risk management, the Purchasing and Contracts Administration Division strengthens operational excellence and reinforces confidence in government decision-making; and

WHEREAS, public procurement has a profound impact on the economic vitality of the City of Delray Beach, Palm Beach County, the State of Florida, and the nation, generating billions of dollars in economic activity annually while supporting local businesses and fostering resilient supply chains; and

WHEREAS, the City’s dedicated procurement professionals —Casetra Thompson, Joel Burzynski, Ketlyne Yena Descollines, Ronald Cap and Lawanda Jackson exemplify the highest standards of professionalism, accountability, and service, working diligently behind the scenes to ensure that City departments have the resources necessary to deliver exceptional services to our residents; and

WHEREAS, NIGP – The National Institute for Public Procurement advances the Values and Guiding Principles of Accountability, Ethics, Impartiality, Professionalism, Service, and Transparency — principles that define the profession and uphold the foundation of public trust; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I Thomas F. Carney, Jr.,** Mayor of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim the month of March as:

**Procurement Month**

To further expand the awareness of the procurement professional’s role to government Officials, the public, business, and corporate leaders.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, to be affixed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of March 2026.

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**Thomas F. Carney, Jr.**  
**MAYOR**