

WHEREAS, professional procurement is crucial for the efficient and effective operation of the City; and

WHEREAS, procurement professionals in the City of Delray Beach dedicate themselves to providing the best value for every taxpayer dollar; they provide high-caliber strategic, logistical, and operational support for departments and dedicate themselves to expanding their knowledge, skills, and abilities for the public good; and

WHEREAS, in addition to procuring goods and services, public procurement adds value to the organization by performing such functions as executing, implementing, and administering contracts, developing strategic procurement strategies, and cultivating working relationships with suppliers and other departments within the organization; and

WHEREAS, the procurement professionals such as Eugene Bittiker, Chief Procurement Officer, Casetra Thompson, Assistant Chief Procurement Officer, Joel Burzynski, Contracts Administrator and Ketlyne Yena Descollines, Purchasing Agent, for the City of Delray Beach makes it possible to serve the citizens of our City by providing quality support, materials, goods, and services needed to provide the very best services to their customers and to the public; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing and Contracts Administration Division recognizes public procurement best practices which have a tremendous influence on economic conditions within the City of Delray Beach, Palm Beach County, the State of Florida, and indeed across the United States, with accumulative procurement power running into the billions of dollars annually; and

WHEREAS, NIGP – The National Institute for Public Procurement has established Values and Guiding Principles; Accountability, Ethics, Impartiality, Professionalism, Service and Transparency as fundamental tenets of the public procurement profession.

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 2025.

Thomas F. Carney, Jr.
MAYOR