**WHEREAS**, the public procurement profession plays a significant role in the efficiency and effectiveness of both government and businesses; and

**WHEREAS,** in addition to the purchase of goods, services, equipment, leases, rentals, and construction, Procurement adds value to the City of Coconut Creek by performing functions such as executing, implementing and administering contracts, conducting market research, developing strategic procurement methodologies, and cultivating working relationships with vendors, other departments within the organization, and other agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the objective of a first-class procurement division is to ensure each purchase made is in compliance with the approved budget, applicable policies, and laws, and to assist with preventing fraud, waste, and corruption; and

**WHEREAS,** the primary objectives include supporting operational requirements, managing the purchasing and contracting process equitably, safeguarding public funds, and instilling public confidence and public trust in procurement processes; and

WHEREAS, using technology, competition, and best practices, procurement professionals strive to bring the greatest value to the City of Coconut Creek and its residents while embracing the Public Procurement Values and Guiding Principles of Accountability, Ethics, Impartiality, Professionalism, Service and Transparency, established by the Institute for Public Procurement (NIGP) as fundamental tenants of the public procurement profession; and

**WHEREAS**, NIGP has proclaimed the month of March as Procurement Month to further expand the awareness of the procurement professional's role to governmental officials, the general public, businesses, and corporate leaders; and

**WHEREAS**, in keeping with the goal of NIGP to bring awareness to the significant role of procurement professionals, we proclaim the second Wednesday in March as Professional Buyer's Day.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Commission of the City of Coconut Creek, Florida, hereby proclaims the month of March 2022, as

## "PROCUREMENT MONTH"

and March 9, 2022, as

## "PROFESSIONAL BUYER'S DAY"

in the City of Coconut Creek, and urges all citizens to show their support and expand the awareness of the procurement professionals' role to government officials, the general public, businesses, and corporate leaders.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the City of Coconut Creek to be affixed this 24th day of February 2022.