

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

WHEREAS, in addition to the purchase of goods, services, equipment, leases, rental, 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 against public funds, and instilling public confidence and public trust in procurement processes; and

WHEREAS, public procurement professionals in the City of Coconut Creek and in other public and private organizations have tremendous influence on the economic conditions in the United States, with accumulative purchasing power running into the billions of dollars; 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, the Institute of Governmental Procurement (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, business, 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 2021, as

"PROCUREMENT MONTH"

and March 10, 2021, 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 WHERE OF, we have
hereunto set our hands and caused
the seal of the City of Coconut
Creek to be affixed this 25th day of
February 2021.**