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 primary objectives of a first-class procurement organization extend beyond the traditional belief that procurement's primary role is to obtain goods and services in response to internal needs; and

WHEREAS, the objective of procurement 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 trust in the procurement process; 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 NIGP has proclaimed the month of March as Procurement Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Commission of the City of Coconut Creek, Florida, hereby proclaims the month of March, 2020, as

"PROCUREMENT MONTH"

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 27th day of February 2020.