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 and services, 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, public procurement professionals in the City of Miramar and in other public and private organizations have tremendous influence on economic conditions in the United States, with a cumulative purchasing power running into the billions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, the Procurement Department in the City of Miramar is committed to providing high caliber strategic, logistical and operational support of all departments within the City of Miramar; and

WHEREAS, the Procurement Department and the City of Miramar recognize, support and practice 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 tenets of the public procurement profession; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wayne M. Messam, Mayor of the City of Miramar, Florida do hereby proclaim the month of March 2018 as:

"PROCUREMENT MONTH"

in the City of Miramar and urge all citizens to recognize the role of the purchasing and management profession within business, industry and government.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereby set my hand and cause the Seal of the City of Miramar to be affixed this 7TH day of March, 2018.

[Signature]

Mayor Wayne M. Messam