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 functions such as executing, implementing and administering contracts, conducting market research and analyses, developing strategic procurement methodologies, and cultivating working relationships with suppliers and other departments within the organization; 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, these primary objectives include supporting operational requirements, managing the purchasing and contracting process equitably, efficiently and effectively; and

WHEREAS, the objective of the City of Palm Beach Gardens Purchasing and Contracts Department include supporting operational requirements, managing the purchasing and contracting, developing strong relationships with other functional groups and stakeholders, and supporting organizational goals and objectives; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing and Contracts Department is committed to the fair, equitable, and timely acquisition of goods and services for the City of Palm Beach Gardens and to cultivating an ethical and professional environment; and

WHEREAS, using technology, competition, and best practices, we strive to bring the greatest value to the City and its residents in an efficient and cost-effective manner while embracing the Values and Guiding Principles of Public Procurement of Accountability, Ethics, Impartiality, Professionalism, Services and Transparency.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Maria G. Marino, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, do hereby proclaim March 2019 as:

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in the City of Palm Beach Gardens and urge all citizens to show their support and expand the awareness of the purchasing professionals’ role to governmental officials, the general public, businesses, and corporate leaders.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, to be affixed on this 7th day of March in the year Two Thousand and Nineteen.

Maria G. Marino, Mayor

Attest:

Patricia Snider, CMC, City Clerk