



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the public procurement profession in the City of Ocala and other public and private organizations has a tremendous influence on the economic conditions in the United States, with cumulative purchasing power running into the billions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the purchase of goods and services, the Procurement and Contracting Department engages in or has direct responsibility for functions such as executing, implementing, and administering contracts, and developing working relationships with suppliers and end-users in other departments within the organization; and

WHEREAS, public procurement professionals such as Buyers, Contract Specialists, and Warehouse staff make it possible for local government to serve the citizens of the City by obtaining the goods and services needed to get the job done in an economically sustainable manner; and

WHEREAS, the Procurement and Contracting Department and the City of Ocala recognize, support, and practices the Public Procurement Values and Guiding Principles of Accountability, Ethics, Impartiality, Professionalism, Service and Transparency established by NIGP – The Institute for Public Procurement 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 purchasing professionals' role to governmental officials, the general public, businesses, and corporate leaders.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ben Marciano, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Ocala, Florida, do hereby proclaim March 2024, as:

“PROCUREMENT MONTH”

in the City of Ocala and urge all citizens to join in recognizing the role of the public procurement profession within business, industry, and government.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Ocala, Florida, to be affixed this 4th day of March 2024.



Ben Marciano

Ben Marciano, Mayor
City of Ocala