PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Nohemi Polanco demonstrated perseverance in building a successful professional career, raising her three children, and establishing her home in Pahokee in 1989 before joining the City of Pahokee on August 27, 2007, beginning nineteen years of dedicated public service; and

WHEREAS, throughout her tenure, Mrs. Polanco served as Accountant, Interim City Clerk, and Manager of the Building, Planning and Zoning/Code Enforcement Department, contributing her expertise to financial administration, budgeting, payroll, grants, business tax administration, planning, zoning, code enforcement, and community development while supporting essential municipal operations; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Polanco strengthened organizational procedures and accountability while generously training, mentoring, and guiding City employees, sharing her extensive municipal knowledge and providing continuity during staffing transitions; and

WHEREAS, committed to professional excellence, she pursued numerous trainings and certifications and participated in professional associations, including the Florida Government Finance Officers Association, Florida Association of Code Enforcement, Florida Association of Business Tax Officials, and American Planning Association. Her service was recognized with the Pahokee Chamber of Commerce's City Employee of the Year Award in April 2009 and a Certificate of Appreciation in October 2013; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Polanco's commitment extends beyond City Hall through her leadership at Pahokee First Hispanic Church of the Nazarene, volunteer service in local schools, and participation in community and charitable initiatives. As she prepares to retire on October 30, 2026, she leaves a lasting legacy of professionalism, perseverance, mentorship, and service to the community she proudly calls home.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor of the City of Pahokee, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission and our citizens, do hereby recognize and honor **Mrs. Nohemi Polanco** for her nineteen years of exemplary service, express our sincere gratitude for her invaluable contributions and dedication to training and mentoring City employees, and extend heartfelt congratulations and best wishes for a fulfilling and joyful retirement.

In official recognition whereof, I hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Pahokee to be affixed this 27th day of October 2026.

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