



# THE PALM BEACH COUNTY ETHICS PLEDGE



The following principles are standards of conduct which define the essentials of honorable behavior in our community:

**I pledge to maintain the highest standards of behavior and to follow laws, regulations, and policies which apply to me. I will take full responsibility for learning and complying with laws and rules governing the standards of conduct for my position, profession and office.**

**I pledge to disclose situations in which a personal interest conflicts with my professional or public obligations, and to take action to avoid all actual and perceived conflicts of interest.**

**I pledge to neither use nor allow the use of resources or information to improperly or illegally further any interest.**

**I pledge to make good on my promises and to avoid making promises or commitments I cannot reasonably expect to fulfill.**

**I pledge to help create an atmosphere of respect and civility where individuals and the public are free to express their ideas and work to their full potential.**

**I pledge to be truthful and respectful in all communications as this is vital for sound decision making for my business or community.**

**I pledge to work together with others, recognizing that unity of purpose and effort leads to greater accomplishments.**

**By following these principles and maintaining the highest ethical standards, I make my community greater and stronger than it was when I became a part of it.**

*My Signature*

*Date signed*

Please print your name legibly below:

Organization or Office:

This is not a legal document. This is a personal commitment to a shared set of ethical standards.