

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, landscape architecture encompasses the analysis, planning, design, and stewardship of the natural and built environment, translating vision into action to shape places that are healthy, safe and resilient; and

**WHEREAS**, Wednesday, April 1, 2026, is recognized as Professional Landscape Architecture (PLA) Day, celebrating the licensed professionals whose expertise in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) is essential to the infrastructure and quality of life in the City of Margate; and

**WHEREAS**, as the United States approaches America 250, we recognize that landscape architects have historically shaped—and continue to steward—the American landscape, creating enduring places that embody democratic values and cultural heritage, and advance opportunities for future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, the licensed practice of landscape architecture is a critical safeguard for public health, safety, and welfare, ensuring that outdoor environments—from therapeutic gardens and playgrounds to complex stormwater and transportation systems—are designed with technical rigor and ethical responsibility; and

**WHEREAS**, the economy of the City of Margate is strengthened by the work of licensed landscape architects and the accredited programs at Florida International University and the University of Florida, who together foster tourism, economic development, and environmental protection; and

**WHEREAS**, landscape architecture is a regulated profession in all 50 states, and the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation ensures the highest standards of professional competence through rigorous education, experience, and examination requirements.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Antonio V. Arserio, Mayor of the City of Margate, do hereby proclaim April 1, 2026, as

## LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Margate to be affixed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 2026.



ANTONIO V. ARSERIO, MAYOR