



Port of Palm Beach Celebrates 4th Annual Ports Day on April 5, 2019 *Recognizing our Workforce and Contributions to our local economy*

Riviera Beach, Florida – April 5, 2019 – The Port of Palm Beach proudly celebrates the 4th Annual Western Hemisphere Ports Day on April 5, 2019, joining hundreds of seaports in North, Central and South America, and the Caribbean, to highlight the value of the industry in creating jobs and contributing to economic prosperity. In partnership with the Association of Canadian Port Authorities and the Latin American Association of Ports and Terminals, the American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) unites seaports in the common goal of creating prosperity throughout the Western Hemisphere.

“While recognizing the value that seaports play in our daily lives, Ports Day is also an opportunity to remind policymakers that ports need national support to be successful in facilitating the movement of trade that links all of us to the global economy,” said Kurt Nagle, AAPA’s president and CEO.

“We recognize the skill, professionalism and commitment of the port industry workforce with many hundreds of thousands of people who ensure that cargo and passengers move safely and efficiently throughout the Ports in the Western Hemisphere every day,” said Manuel Almira, Executive Port Director. “Ports Day provides us the opportunity to collaborate on ways in which the port industry can lead in job creation and economic growth.”

“Celebrating the Ports workforce alongside the hundreds of seaports in our hemisphere is very exciting and gives me great honor,” said Katherine Waldron, Chairwoman of the Board of Commissioners. “My fellow Commissioners and I share our appreciation to all of our Port staff and those distinctive accomplishments such as the “Heroism Award” to Jeff Baker, Award of Excellence for Worker Safety, Awards of Distinction & Excellence in Communications, South Florida Business Journal Power Leaders recognition to Executive Director Manuel Almira and to our Longest Standing Employee, Carl Baker for his 28 years of dedicated service.”

About Port of Palm Beach

Port of Palm Beach is a full-service, diversified port, offering cruise and cargo services to more than 30 onsite tenants and users. At 156 acres, the port’s efficiency is unparalleled, processing more than \$7 billion in commodities, 2.5 million tons of cargo and over 460,000 cruise passengers in FY18. As one of the largest employers in Palm Beach County, the Port of Palm Beach and its tenants employ more than 2,850 people. Through the contribution of more than \$260 million in business revenue and \$12 million in tenant-contributed state and local annual tax revenue, the Port of Palm Beach is one of the largest economic engines in South Florida. For more information, visit www.portofpalmbeach.com.