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It is with an intense sense of pride that I communicate with you in my official capacity as President of this the premier Public Administration and Public Policy institution here in Florida, the South Florida Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration. This chapter under the capable leadership of those who have preceded me has blazed a trail of excellence that has positioned our activities, in particular our Best Practices Conference as the standard by which compliance within our discipline can be measured. It is my humble hope that my tenure will be able to satisfy these lofty ideals and in fact assist in continuing to raise the bar for the performance of Best Practices throughout the State and the Country as a whole.

As we embark on this journey of faith let me begin by thanking you for your expressions of trust. I shall endeavor to justify that trust by pursuing an aggressive program of participation, development and growth that will expand our membership and involvement so that we will then be representative of our designation as the South Florida Chapter. I cannot accomplish this by myself because without you my fellow board members and the rank and file membership of the Association and Chapter we will just be an empty shell. I encourage you to participate by volunteering for the many committees and activities that we will aspire to accomplish in this next twelve months. Together we can continue to set new standards of excellence in the field of Public Administration and Public Policy.

The last three or four decades has been the most challenging times of our lives as we have seen the advent and discovery of activities that have combined to challenge us as individuals and as a country. We must change our approach and our mindset if we are to correct the wrongs that have brought us to this point. If we are to return to the prosperity that we have lost over the recent past we must perform in a manner that facilitates and adopt the principles of change that will rescue us from a downward spiraling economy. It is our profession that must redefine the practices on which success will depend and put in place the new foundation of ethics and integrity that will withstand the test of time. The allure of abundance which had effectively negated the need for caution creating the devastating consequences of our inability to navigate and maneuver treacherous terrain must be deflected. This time around, we must exercise the best judgment possible and create the most solid practices possible that will enable the creation of an environment of commitment and trust that leads to the perpetuation of excellence. Please, join me in accomplishing all of our lofty goals for the 2009/2010 operating year of the South Florida Chapter.

I thank you for your membership, I applaud you for your commitment and I respect you for your continuing efforts to create a better professional environment in your everyday lives. **I am at your service, you may use me as you deem necessary.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glenn Joseph", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Glenn Joseph

President