The Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) declared May as International Internal Audit Awareness Month. Established in 1941 and with over 74,000 members in North America, the IIA works to promote sound corporate governance and ethical practices, and also increases awareness about the value of internal auditing.

Graphics courtesy of Institute of Internal Auditors:

North American Members by Industry

North American Reach
74,000+ Members

North American IIA Members by Status

Internal auditors perform activities such as:

- Provide insight and advice
- Assess the adequacy of risk management
- Ensure accuracy of financial statements
- Improve operations by examining efficiency and effectiveness
- Provide independent assurance to senior management and the board
- Evaluate overall compliance with laws and regulations
- Investigate fraud
- Promote an ethical culture
The Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller (Clerk) of Pinellas County, Florida, an elected official, serves as the ex officio County auditor per constitutional and statutory provisions. The Clerk established the Division of Inspector General (IG) to fulfill the audit and investigative responsibilities. The audit and investigative functions serve as an important check and balance of agencies funded by the Clerk and the Board of County Commissioners’ (BCC) departments under the County Administrator. To provide for the highest degree of independence, IG staff report to the Inspector General/Chief Audit Executive, who reports functionally and administratively to the Clerk. The Clerk is independent of the BCC.

The IG provides independent, objective assurance and consulting designed to add value and improve an organization's operations. It helps an organization accomplish its objectives by bringing a systematic, disciplined approach to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of risk management, control, and governance processes. IG is responsible for auditing and investigating operations of the BCC, operations of the Clerk, contractors doing business with the County, and any County revenue sources.

**Services Provided By the Division of Inspector General:**
- Intake of Fraud Complaints
  - County Fraud Hotline: (727) 453-7283
  - Online Fraud Complaints ([Click here to report Fraud, Waste & Abuse](#))
- Audit Services
- Investigations
- Guardianship Services
- Guardianship Fraud Hotline
- Training
- Pinellas County Sheriff’s Office Prison Rape Elimination Act (PCSO PREA) Hotline

**Benefits Provided By The Division Of Inspector General:**
- Performance of independent, comprehensive audits and investigations of County operations and contracts
- Provides public accountability of the use of tax dollars
- Serves as an independent, objective source of information for the BCC and the Clerk
- Serves as a consulting resource for County management to obtain advice in financial issues and procedures
- Provides a mechanism to investigate suspected fraud, waste, and abuse
- Results in a more transparent government