



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, public procurement professionals earn the public's trust by demonstrating initiative, dependability and wise cost-effective methods for making purchases and allocating public resources; and

WHEREAS, public procurement professionals make important contributions to ensure the efficient use of taxpayer dollars by providing strategic procurement, in an efficient manner while maintaining the highest ethical standards; and

WHEREAS, our public procurement professionals fulfill their many responsibilities in diverse settings, these hardworking men and women increase governmental efficiency and effectiveness in the delivery of goods and services for Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, the public procurement profession has a tremendous influence on the nation's economy with an accumulative purchasing power accounting for more than 30 percent of our Gross Domestic Product or \$6.3 trillion per year; and

WHEREAS, the month of March has been designated for an awareness campaign to recognize all public purchasing professionals across our nation for their efforts and contributions to excellence in governmental procurement; and

WHEREAS, the East Tennessee Purchasing Association and the Tennessee Association of Public Procurement of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP) and other associations around the nation are holding activities and special events to further education and inform the general public on the role of public procurement;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim March, 2017 as

Public Procurement Month

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this seventh day of February, 2017.

Bill Haslam

Governor

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Secretary of State