



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, professional public procurement is crucial for the efficient and effective operation of all governments across the great State of Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, The State of Tennessee has public procurement professionals at the state, county, city, collegiate, public school, utility board, public housing authority, public building authority, public airport, public hospital and other quasi-governmental levels; and

**WHEREAS**, these procurement professionals dedicate themselves to providing the best value for every taxpayer dollar; they provide high-caliber strategic, logistical and operational support for agencies and they dedicate themselves to expanding their knowledge, skills and abilities for the public good; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the purchase of goods and services, public procurement adds value to the organization by performing such functions as executing, implementing and administering contracts, developing strategic procurement strategies and cultivating working relationships with suppliers and other departments within the organization; and

**WHEREAS**, public procurement has tremendous influence on the economic conditions in the State of Tennessee, its municipalities and indeed across the United States, with accumulative purchasing power running into the billions of dollars; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP) has designated the month of March as "Procurement Month" to further expand the awareness of the purchasing professional's role to governmental officials, the general public, business and corporate leaders; and

**WHEREAS**, the East Tennessee Purchasing Association and the Tennessee Association of Public Procurement and other similar organizations around the nation are holding activities and events to further education and to inform the general public on the critical role that public procurement plays in our State's success;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim March, 2018 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 second day of February, 2018.



*Bill Haslam*

Governor

*LeRoy C. Rife*

Secretary of State