



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 Lee, the Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim March 2021 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 twenty-seventh day of January, 2021.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Lee".

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joe Wargitt".

Secretary of State

