



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, public procurement is an essential function of state government, providing for the purchase of goods and services necessary for the safe and effective operations of the state, including purchases for education, health and human services, transportation, administration, and others; and

WHEREAS, the work of the state procurement office benefits state agencies and citizens alike through the application of the principles of fiscal responsibility and ethical use of taxpayer dollars for the operations of the state, and

WHEREAS, public procurement requires specific knowledge and skills to maintain fair and competitive bid practices, conduct thorough market research, administer effective negotiations for the mutual benefit of the state and supplier, and successfully monitor and evaluate all state contracts; and

WHEREAS, the state of Tennessee is supported by a highly qualified and dedicated state procurement staff who demonstrate professionalism on all levels and understand the importance of the work they perform;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2026, 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-fifth day of February 2026.



Bill Lee

Governor

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Secretary of State