

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the public procurement profession plays a significant role in the efficiency and effectiveness of both government and business; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the purchase of goods and services, 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 professionals that are members of the Central Ohio Organization of Public Purchasers (CO-OPP) Chapter of NIGP – The Institute for Public Procurement and in other public organizations have tremendous influence on the United States' economy, with cumulative purchasing power in the billions of dollars; and

**WHEREAS**, CO-OPP's members are committed to providing high-caliber strategic, logistical and operational support of all agencies associated with the Chapter; and

**WHEREAS**, CO-OPP recognizes and supports the Public Procurement Values and Guiding Principles of Accountability, Ethics, Impartiality, Professionalism, Service and Transparency, established by NIGP as fundamental tenets of the public procurement profession; and

**WHEREAS**, NIGP has proclaimed 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.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, We, the Governing Board of CO-OPP do hereby proclaim March 16, 2023, as

## PROCUREMENT PROFESSIONALS' DAY

and urge all members to join CO-OPP and NIGP in recognizing the role of the procurement profession within government.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Central Ohio Organization of Public Purchasers Chapter of NIGP to be affixed.



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