

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, the **public procurement professional** adds value to the organization by performing such functions as developing procurement strategies, cultivating collaborative relationships with the business community and other teams within their organization, consulting on best practices, identifying opportunities for savings, maintaining compliance with rules, regulations, policies, and procedures, and assisting with development of and/or administering contacts; and

WHEREAS, the **public procurement professionals of Columbia Chapter, NIGP** have tremendous influence on the economic conditions in Oregon and southwest Washington, with millions of dollars of accumulative purchasing power, while providing high-caliber procurement support to their agency; and

WHEREAS, these **public procurement professionals** recognize, support and practice the Public Procurement Values and Guiding Principles of Accountability, Ethics, Impartiality, Professionalism, Service and Transparency, established by NIGP - The Institute for Public Procurement as fundamental tenets of their profession; and

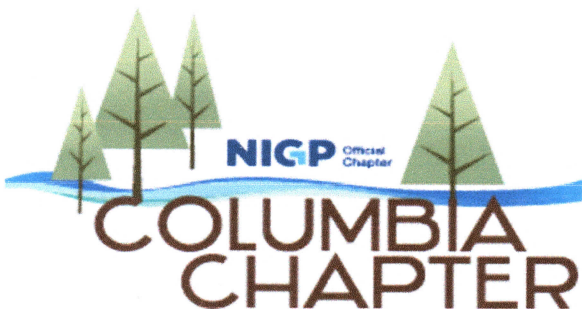
WHEREAS, **Columbia Chapter, NIGP** recognizes the State of Oregon proclamation that **the month of March is Procurement Month** and to further expand the awareness of the **public purchasing professional's** role to governmental officials, the general public, business and corporate leaders;

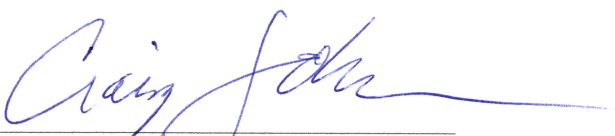
NOW, THEREFORE, we the Executive Board, of **Columbia Chapter, NIGP**, do hereby proclaim **Wednesday, March 8, 2023** as

PROFESSIONAL BUYER'S DAY

and urge all members of **Columbia Chapter, NIGP** in recognizing the important role of our profession within business, industry and government.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the Board of Directors, hereby cause the seal of **Columbia Chapter, NIGP**, to be affixed this 8th day of March 2023.





Craig Johnsen, President
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