



## CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

*By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution of Virginia in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:*

### Public Purchasing Month

**WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth of Virginia is home to approximately 1,300 professional public purchasers who are employed by nearly 250 public entities comprised of cities, counties, towns, state agencies, colleges, universities, public schools, hospitals, political subdivisions, authorities, and community service boards throughout Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, the Virginia Association of Governmental Procurement is celebrating 65 years of dedication to providing their members with educational and networking opportunities, technical advice and assistance, highlighting best practices in government, and steadfastly promoting professionalism and high ethical standards in the procurement practice; and

**WHEREAS**, the procurement and materials management profession, with an aggregate purchasing power of billions of dollars, has a tremendous impact on the economy; and

**WHEREAS**, procurement and materials management professionals work diligently to establish and maintain ethical standards in buying and selling to increase knowledge of efficient procurement methods, disseminate useful information to members, and promote professionalism in public purchasing; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to procuring goods and services, procurement and materials management professionals engage in or have direct responsibility for executing, implementing, and administering contracts, developing forecasts, procurement strategies and efficient supply chain management systems, supervising and monitoring the flow and storage of materials, and developing collaborative partnerships with suppliers; and

**WHEREAS**, public procurement professionals contribute positively to our Commonwealth's public agencies and services by improving procurement methods and practices and by using new technology to increase efficiency and improve processes;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Glenn Youngkin, do hereby recognize March 2023, as **PUBLIC PURCHASING MONTH** in the COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, and I call this observance to the attention of our citizens.



  
Governor

  
Secretary of the Commonwealth