

## Spencer I. Cox

## **Fobernor**

## Declaration

**Bhereas**, the purchasing and materials management professions play a significant role in the quality, efficiency, and profitability of public, private, and nonprofit organizations;

**Phereas**, purchasing and materials management professionals influence Utah's economy by procuring with an aggregated purchasing power of billions of dollars in goods and services;

**Phereas**, the state of Utah's Procurement Education Partnership and the Utah Chapter of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing and other such associations promote the recognition and improvement of this profession, as well as advance the role of purchasing within business, industry, education, and government;

**Bhereas**, we commend all Utah public procurement entities and professionals for their dedication and high ethical standards while ensuring the cost-effective use of taxpayer dollars and utilizing a transparent, fair, equitable, and competitive procurement process; and,

**Exercas**, National Procurement Month provides the opportunity to further educate the general public, elected officials, and vendors regarding the impact of public purchasing and recognize the contributions of procurement professionals;

**Pow, Therefore,** I, Spencer J. Cox, governor of the state of Utah, do hereby declare March 2023, as

Utah Purchasing Month

Spencer J. Cox Governor