



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 Missouri Chapter of NIGP and in other public and private organizations have tremendous influence on the economic conditions in the United States, with accumulative purchasing power running into the billions of dollars; and*

WHEREAS, *public procurement professionals are uniquely positioned to build public trust in our government institutions by diligently ensuring fair and open bidding opportunities to the vending community and providing transparency in government contracting; and*

WHEREAS, *the Missouri Chapter of NIGP recognizes, supports, and practices the Public Procurement Values and Guiding Principles of Accountability, Ethics, Impartiality, Professionalism, Service, and Transparency, established by NIGP – The Institute for Public Procurement (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 the Missouri Chapter of NIGP do hereby proclaim March 13, 2024 as*

PROCUREMENT PROFESSIONALS' DAY

and urge all members to join the Missouri Chapter of NIGP in recognizing the role of the purchasing and materials management profession within business, industry, and government.

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