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 Oregon Public Purchasing Association 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 the Oregon Public Purchasing Association 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 Oregon Public Purchasing Association, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, March 8, 2024, as

PROCUREMENT PROFESSIONAL DAY

and urge all members of Oregon Public Purchasing Association 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 the Oregon Public Purchasing Association, a Chapter of NIGP, to be affixed this 8th day of March 2024.

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