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 professionals add 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, the City of Providence uniquely demonstrates our commitment to environmental sustainability through Green Purchasing. By purchasing "Green" products, Providence will lead the way in playing a significant role in the development of environmental sustainability; and

WHEREAS, public procurement professionals in the City of Providence 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, the public procurement professionals in the City of Providence are committed to providing high-caliber strategic, logistical and operational support of all departments within the City of Providence; and

WHEREAS, the public procurement professionals in the City of Providence recognize, support, and practice the Public Procurement Values and Guiding Principles of Accountability, Ethics, Impartiality, Professionalism, Service, and Transparency, established by 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 procurement profession’s role to governmental officials, the general public, business and corporate leaders;

Now, Therefore, I, Brett P. Smiley, the Mayor of the City of Providence, Rhode Island do hereby proclaim the month of March 2024 as

PROCUREMENT MONTH

and March 13th, 2024 as

PROCUREMENT PROFESSIONALS’ DAY

in the City of Providence and urge all citizens to join the City of Providence in recognizing the role of the purchasing and materials management profession within business, industry, and government.

Dated the 4th day of March 2024.

Mayor Brett P. Smiley