

**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**PROCLAMATION**

**TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME - GREETINGS:**

**WHEREAS:** Public procurement professionals perform an indispensable function for governmental entities and play a vital role in providing for the acquisition of a broad range of goods and services essential for the safe and effective operations of the entity;

**WHEREAS:** The Arkansas Chapter of The Institute for Public Procurement (ARNIGP) is a professional association dedicated to promoting the development of efficient procurement practices, ethical standards to maintain fair and competitive procurements, and modern procurement methods for procurement professionals, and providing networking opportunities, professional development, assistance with attaining professional certifications, and other services to public procurement professionals;

**WHEREAS:** Procurement professionals strategically execute, implement, and manage contracts, and cultivate relationships with suppliers and other organizations to effectively administer procurement agreements;

**WHEREAS:** Contracting and procurement professionals through their combined purchasing power oversee billions of procurement dollars each year, while maintaining the highest possible ethical standards and utilizing the latest and most efficient and effective procurement methods available;

**WHEREAS:** The work of public procurement professionals benefits the citizens of Arkansas through the application of fiscal responsibility, ethical use of government dollars for its operations, and fair and competitive solicitation practices;

**WHEREAS:** March is nationally recognized as "Procurement Month" by the Institute for Public Procurement, National Procurement Institute, National Association of State Procurement Officials, and other associations; and

**WHEREAS:** During the month of March, procurement professionals throughout the State of Arkansas engage in special efforts to inform the public about the importance of the role played by procurement employees.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim March 2024 as

**"PROCUREMENT MONTH IN ARKANSAS"**

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 20th day of February, in the year of our Lord 2024.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Sarah Sanders", is written over a horizontal line.

Sarah Huckabee Sanders, Governor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John Thurston", is written over a horizontal line.

John Thurston, Secretary of State