WHEREAS, efficient and responsible public procurement is critical for delivering essential services to Illinois residents and ensuring taxpayer dollars are used effectively; and,

WHEREAS, procurement professionals play a vital role in supporting government functions, from public safety and education to infrastructure and healthcare; and,

WHEREAS, public procurement in Illinois represents billions of dollars spent annually, stimulating economic growth and supporting local businesses; and,

WHEREAS, strategic procurement practices encourage partnerships with diverse suppliers, fostering inclusive economic development; and,

WHEREAS, innovation in procurement methods can streamline processes and unlock cost savings, benefiting both the government and taxpayers; and,

WHEREAS, Public Procurement Month serves as an opportunity to recognize the dedication and expertise of procurement professionals across the state while attracting new talent to the profession;

THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim March 2024 as Public Procurement Month in Illinois to further expand the awareness of the vital role public procurement plays in our state's success.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield, this TWENTY-THIRD day of FEBRUARY, in the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and TWENTY-FOUR, and of the State of Illinois, two hundred and FIFTH.