

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, procurement professionals make important contributions to assure the resourceful use of taxpayer dollars by providing efficient service while maintaining the highest standards; and

WHEREAS, local, state, and federal procurement professionals are responsible for maintaining and monitoring billions of dollars' worth of goods and services every year, directly influencing national and international economies, and annually, National Procurement Month is celebrated to bring awareness of the profession and its many accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, the **City of Tampa Purchasing Department** plays a significant role in the quality, efficiency and effectiveness of Tampa, Florida City Government, and is an instrumental part of the City's growth and success; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the purchase of goods and services, the Purchasing Department engages in or has direct responsibility for functions such as executing, implementing, and administering contracts, developing forecasts and procurement strategies, supervising, and monitoring the flow and storage of materials, and developing working relationships with suppliers and other service centers and groups within the organization, and identifying, procuring, prioritizing, tracking, sustaining, and demobilizing resources to support lifesaving operations before and after emergency incidents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa Purchasing Department received the **Annual Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award** from the National Purchasing Institute for nineteen consecutive years from 2007 to 2025, recognized in 2023 for its long-standing fifty-five year membership in the National Institute for Public Procurement, twice honored with the **Partnership & Service Award** from the City of Tampa Department of Solid Waste and Environmental Program Management, recognized with a commendation from the Tampa Police Department for supplies, exceptional services and support provided during the 2012 Republican National Convention, and received a commendation from Tampa City Council in 2022 and 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa Purchasing Department has participated in the highly successful City of Tampa's **Bridges to Business Outreach** event since inception in 2019 and it continues to help facilitate similar events including **Prime Time with Purchasing** along with the Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Office orientation classes to engage small and minority owned businesses in the bidding and contracting process.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2026 as

"NATIONAL PROCUREMENT MONTH"

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the important role of purchasing professionals within business, industry, and government.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 25th day of February 2026.



Jane Castor
Mayor