

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA



PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, public procurement is an essential function of state government, providing for the purchase of goods and services necessary for the safe and effective operations of the state, including but not limited to purchases for education, health and human services, transportation, administration, and others; and

WHEREAS, these professional contract managers provide specialized services to organizations through the purchase of goods and services, the management of contracts, and the development of procurement best practices; and

WHEREAS, the work of the state procurement office benefits state agencies and citizens alike through the application of the principles of fiscal responsibility and the ethical use of taxpayer dollars for the operations of the state, and

WHEREAS, public procurement requires specific knowledge and skills to maintain fair and competitive bid practices, conduct thorough market research, administer effective negotiations for the mutual benefit of the state and supplier, and successfully monitor and evaluate all state contracts; and

WHEREAS, during this month, we recognize the important role that the procurement profession plays in both government and business by maintaining preeminent ethical and professional standards.

THEREFORE, I, Josh Shapiro, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim March 2026 to be

PROCUREMENT MONTH

in recognition of the vital role procurement professionals play in our Commonwealth.

GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, on this nineteenth day of February two thousand twenty-six, the year of the Commonwealth the two hundred fiftieth.

Governor Josh Shapiro