

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the public procurement, contracting and materials management professions play a significant role in the efficiency and effectiveness of both government and business; and

**WHEREAS**, through their combined purchasing power, public procurement professionals spend billions of dollars every year and have a significant influence upon economic conditions throughout Washington state; and

**WHEREAS**, Washington state is proud to create opportunities for small, diverse and veteran-owned businesses to grow and succeed through public procurement, including through the LGBTQ Business Enterprise program launched in 2025, one of the nation's first; and

**WHEREAS**, public procurement, contracting and materials management professionals dedicate themselves to providing the best value for every taxpayer dollar and continue to expand their knowledge, skills and abilities; and

**WHEREAS**, during the month of March, the Washington State Chapter of the National Institute of Governmental Procurement and other professional procurement associations engage in special efforts to inform the public of the important role of the public procurement profession in business, industry and government;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bob Ferguson, governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim March 2026 as

### ***Public Procurement Month***

in Washington, and I urge all people in our state to join me in this special observance.



Signed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bob Ferguson".

Governor Bob Ferguson