

STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, professional public procurement is crucial for the efficient and effective operation of all government across the great State of Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, professionals in the purchasing, acquisition, procurement, and material management fields are employed in private and public sectors, as well as, in profit and non-profit organizations; and,

WHEREAS, these procurement professionals dedicate themselves to providing the best value for every taxpayer dollar; they provide high-caliber strategic, logistical, and operational support for agencies and they dedicate themselves to expanding their knowledge, skills, and abilities for the public good; and,

WHEREAS, in addition to the purchase of goods and services, public procurement adds value to the organization by performing such functions as executing, implementing and administering contracts, developing strategic procurement strategies, and cultivating working relationships with suppliers and other departments within the organization; and,

WHEREAS, public procurement has a tremendous influence on the economic conditions in the State of Illinois, its municipalities, and across the United States, with accumulative purchasing power running into the billions of dollars;

*THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim March 2023 as **Public Procurement Month** in Illinois to further expand the awareness of the purchasing professional's role to governmental officials, the public, business, and corporate leaders.*

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-SEVENTH day of FEBRUARY, in
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
TWENTY-THREE, and of the State of Illinois,
two hundred and FIFTH.*



Alexi Giannoul
SECRETARY OF STATE

JB Pritzker
GOVERNOR