

*The State of New Hampshire*  
*By His Excellency*  
*Christopher T. Sununu, Governor*

*A Proclamation*

In the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Three

**PROCUREMENT MONTH**  
**MARCH 2023**

*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 purchases for education, health and human services, transportation, administration, and others; 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 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 through market research, administer effective negotiations for the mutual benefit of the state and supplier, and successfully monitor and evaluate all state contracts; and

*WHEREAS*; the State of New Hampshire is supported by a highly qualified and dedicated state procurement staff who demonstrate professionalism on all levels and understand the importance of the work they perform; and

*WHEREAS*, 2023 marks the 76<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO), which initially formed to help state procurement effectively and efficiently distribute surplus World War II materials, and continues to connect state procurement offices across the country for education and networking; and

*WHEREAS*, 2023 also commemorates the 31<sup>st</sup> anniversary of NASPO ValuePoint and its predecessor, the Western States Contracting Alliance, created to offer cooperative purchasing solutions for the benefit of the state and continues to offer high value, reliable and competitively sources contracts;

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU, GOVERNOR* of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **MARCH 2023** as **PROCUREMENT MONTH** in the State of New Hampshire, and call this to the attention of all citizens.

*IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of New Hampshire to be affixed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.



Christopher T. Sununu  
Governor

