



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### PROCUREMENT MONTH

- WHEREAS:** The procurement of goods and services within the private and public sectors throughout the State of Georgia and the United States is pivotal to the success of our economy; and
- WHEREAS:** Purchasing has such a great influence on the state's economy through the monitoring and management of billions of dollars of goods and services, ensuring competitive, fair, open, and transparent procurement processes in obtaining the best value for every taxpayer dollar, uphold public trust, ensure accountability and the responsible stewardship of resources; and
- WHEREAS:** Purchasing professionals are adding value to organizations by negotiating, implementing, and managing contracts; maintaining professional training certification and supporting outreach strategies; and building relationships with the supplier community, as well as partnerships focused on the improvement of all sizes of businesses increasing supplier diversity; and
- WHEREAS:** Procurement professionals foster development of new relationships through Georgia Department of Administrative Services' Small Business and Supplier Diversity program; providing outreach to small and diverse businesses, and opportunity for certification through the new expanded business certification program; and
- WHEREAS:** Guided by ethical principles and fiscal responsibility, procurement professionals find effective ways to fund the necessary services the state provides; thus, contributing to stable and prosperous communities throughout Georgia; and
- WHEREAS:** Procurement professionals are drawn from a wide array of career backgrounds, including finance, project management, operations, engineering, sales, and law, with a robust skill set encompassing analytical thinking, effective communication, negotiation prowess, and a strategic mindset, enabling procurement teams to leverage diverse perspectives to drive success and maximize value; and
- WHEREAS:** During the month of March, the Georgia Department of Administrative Services, Georgia Chapter of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP), Governmental Procurement Association of Georgia, and the Coastal Georgia Chapter of NIGP, along with other professional procurement organizations in our state, participate in raising awareness of the importance of purchasing professionals in the fields of business, industry, and government; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 2025, as PROCUREMENT MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.



*B. P. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF