

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, *the public procurement profession plays a significant role in the efficiency and effectiveness of both government and business; and*

WHEREAS, *in addition to the purchase of goods and services, 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 professionals that are members of the Washington State Chapter of NIGP and in other public and private organizations have tremendous influence on the economic conditions in the United States, with accumulative purchasing power running into the billions of dollars; and*

WHEREAS, *the Washington State Chapter of NIGP through its members is committed to providing high caliber strategic, logistical and operational support of all agencies associated with the Chapter; and*

WHEREAS, *the Washington State Chapter of NIGP recognizes, supports and practices the Public Procurement Values and Guiding Principles of Accountability, Ethics, Impartiality, Professionalism, Service and Transparency, established by NIGP – the Institute for Public Professional (NIGP) as fundamental tenets of the public procurement profession; and*

WHEREAS, *NIGP has proclaimed the month of March as Procurement Month to further expand the awareness of the purchasing professional's role to government officials, the general public, business and corporate leaders;*

NOW, THEREFORE, *We, the Governing Board of the Washington State Chapter of NIGP do hereby proclaim March 14, 2018 as*

PROFESSIONAL BUYER'S DAY

and urge all members to join the Washington State Chapter of NIGP in recognizing the role of the purchasing and materials management profession within business, industry and government.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Washington State Chapter of NIGP to be affixed this 28th of February, 2018.*



Rena L Jackson

President