

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 Central Ohio Organization of Public Purchasers Chapter of NIGP and in other public organizations have tremendous influence on the United States' economy, with accumulative purchasing power running into the billions of dollars; and*

WHEREAS, *CO-OPP's members are committed to providing high-caliber strategic, logistical and operational support of all agencies associated with the Chapter; and*

WHEREAS, *CO-OPP recognizes and supports the Public Procurement Values and Guiding Principles of Accountability, Ethics, Impartiality, Professionalism, Service and Transparency, established by NIGP – The Institute for Public Procurement (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 governmental officials, the general public, business and corporate leaders;*

NOW, THEREFORE, *We, the Governing Board of CO-OPP do hereby proclaim March 15, 2018 as*

PROFESSIONAL BUYER'S DAY

and urge all members to join CO-OPP and NIGP in recognizing the role of the procurement profession within government.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Central Ohio Organization of Public Purchasers Chapter of NIGP to be affixed this 15th day of March, 2018.*



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