



CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution of Virginia in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:

GOVERNMENTAL PURCHASING MONTH

WHEREAS, the Virginia Association of Governmental Purchasing (VAGP) is the largest chapter of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing, with approximately 1,100 procurement professionals employed by nearly 350 public entities in the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the VAGP membership is comprised of cities, counties, towns, state agencies, colleges, universities, public schools, hospitals, political subdivisions, authorities, and community services boards throughout Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Area Purchasing Association (CAPA), is also a large chapter of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing, and represents approximately 290 professional public purchasers from more than 55 public entities in the Virginia Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, purchasing and materials management professionals work diligently to establish and maintain ethical standards in buying and selling in order to make procurement methods more efficient and to promote professionalism in public purchasing; and

WHEREAS, the purchasing and materials management professions engage in, or have direct responsibility for, executing, implementing and administering contracts, developing forecasts and procurement strategies, supervising and monitoring the flow and storage of materials, and developing working relationships with suppliers; and

WHEREAS, governmental purchasing professionals contribute positively to our Commonwealth's public agencies and services by improving purchasing methods and practices and by using new technology to increase efficiency and improve processes;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ralph S. Northam, do hereby recognize March 2018 as **GOVERNMENTAL PURCHASING MONTH** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.




Governor


Secretary of the Commonwealth