

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Professional public procurement is crucial for the efficient and effective operation of all governments across this great state and Tennessee has public procurement professionals at the state, county, city, collegiate, public school, utility board, public housing authority, public building authority, public airport, public hospital and other quasi-governmental levels; and

WHEREAS, These procurement professionals dedicate themselves to providing the best value for every taxpayer dollar; they provide high-caliber strategic, logistical and operational support for agencies and they dedicate themselves to expanding their knowledge, skills and abilities for the public good; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the purchase of goods and services, public 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 has tremendous influence on the economic conditions in the State of Tennessee, its municipalities and indeed across the United States, with accumulative purchasing power running into the billions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, ETPA 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 Procurement (NIGP) as fundamental tenets of the public procurement profession; and

WHEREAS, NIGP has proclaimed March to be Procurement Month to further expand the awareness of the public procurement professional's role to governmental officials, the general public, business and corporate leaders; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, the President of ETPA do hereby proclaim March 2018 as

PUBLIC PROCUREMENT MONTH

and urge all members to join ETPA 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 East Tennessee Chapter of NIGP to be affixed this 1st day of March, 2018.

Terry McKee

President



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