



Proclamation

In Recognition of

Procurement Month

WHEREAS, procurement professionals from Alaska and Hawai'i, realizing the need for a combined effort to bring procurement professionals from both states together to advance the procurement profession within our own states formed the Alaska-Hawai'i Government Procurement Association (AHGPA), a chapter of the National Institute of Government Purchasers (NIGP), in 2016; and

WHEREAS, the AHGPA membership is comprised of cities, counties, boroughs, towns, state agencies, colleges, universities, public schools, political subdivisions, and authorities throughout Alaska and Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, AHGPA is one of over 75 chapters recognized by the NIGP which develops, supports and promotes the public procurement profession through premier educational and research programs, professional support, technical services and advocacy initiatives that benefit members and constituents since 1944; and

WHEREAS, AHGPA is a virtual chapter that connects Alaska and Hawai'i through online meetings, a website and social media, allowing members to hold discussions in a forum, receive training, and share ideas, information and solutions on issues affecting the profession and the public; and

WHEREAS, procurement professionals are responsible for purchasing and managing materials, supervising and monitoring the flow and storage of materials, implementing and administering contracts, and developing forecasts and procurement strategies; and

WHEREAS, training, networking, certification, and continuing education of the procurement staff ensure that the public is well served with a process of fairness in all aspects; 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 public, business and corporate leaders;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, DOUGLAS S. CHIN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim March 2018 as

“PROCUREMENT MONTH”

in Hawai'i and ask residents of Hawai'i to join the Alaska-Hawai'i Government Purchasing Association and the National Institute of Government Purchasers in recognizing the many contributions made by public procurement professionals and their role in promoting an effective, efficient and open state government.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this first day of March 2018.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

DOUGLAS S. CHIN
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i