

***A PROCLAMATION TO RECOGNIZE  
National Procurement Month and Professional Buyer's Day***

**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 in the City of Bristol 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 Department of Administration's Purchasing Division through its members is committed to providing high-caliber strategic, logistical and operational support of all departments within the City of Bristol; and


**WHEREAS**, the Purchasing Division 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 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**, I, Chad Keen, Mayor of the City of Bristol Tennessee, do hereby proclaim March 2017 as **Procurement Month** and March 8, 2017 as **Professional Buyer's Day** in the City of Bristol, and urge all citizens in recognizing the role of the purchasing and materials management profession within business, industry and government.

THIS 7th day of March 2017.



  
Chad Keen, Mayor