BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

PURCHASING MONTH

WHEREAS: The purchasing and materials management professions are essential to ensuring the efficient and effective operation of both the public and private sectors; and

WHEREAS: Accomplished purchasing professionals acquire products and services by balancing and negotiating time, resources, and prices; and

WHEREAS: Purchasing professionals work in a variety of settings, including state agencies, county governments, municipalities, colleges and universities, and schools districts, among others; and

WHEREAS: More than 600 state, local, and federal members provide the Department of Administrative Services and other state agencies with valuable training and educational services in the areas of procurement and materials management; and

WHEREAS: Purchasing and materials management professionals, through their combined purchasing power, spend billions of dollars annually and have a substantial influence on global economic conditions; and

WHEREAS: During March, the Georgia Chapter of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing and the Governmental Procurement Association of Georgia, as well as other professional purchasing organizations around Georgia, engage in efforts to inform the general public of the importance of the purchasing profession in business, industry, and government; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 2018 as PURCHASING MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 1st day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.

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GOVERNOR

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CHIEF OF STAFF