WHEREAS, the public procurement, contracting, and materials management professions play a significant role in the efficiency and effectiveness of both government and business; and

WHEREAS, through their combined purchasing power, public procurement professionals spend billions of dollars every year and have a significant influence upon economic conditions throughout Washington State; and

WHEREAS, public procurement, contracting and materials management professionals dedicate themselves to providing the best value for every taxpayer dollar, and continue to expand their knowledge, skills, and abilities; and

WHEREAS, during the month of March, the Washington State Chapter of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing and other professional procurement associations engage in special efforts to inform the public of the important role of the public procurement profession in business, industry, and government;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the State of Washington, do hereby proclaim March 2018 as

Public Procurement Month

in Washington, and I urge all people in our state to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 20th day of March, 2018

Governor Jay Inslee