WHEREAS: The purchasing, acquisition, procurement, and materials management professions have a significant role in the quality and efficiency of business and government throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS: Purchasing professionals are responsible for purchasing goods and services, executing and implementing contracts, developing forecasts and procurement strategies, supervising and monitoring storage of materials, and developing working relationships with suppliers, and departments within organizations; and

WHEREAS: Procurement professionals make important contributions to assure the responsible use of taxpayer dollars by providing efficient services, while maintaining the highest ethical standards; and

WHEREAS: Local, state, and federal purchasing professionals are responsible for managing and monitoring billions of dollars of goods and services every year, which directly influence the national and international economies; and

WHEREAS: Purchasing and procurement operations range from departments of one to several thousand employees; and

WHEREAS: The Minnesota Chapter of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing is joining other chapters to sponsor activities and other special events to further educate and inform the general public regarding the role of purchasing.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2018, as:

MINNESOTA PROCUREMENT PROFESSIONALS MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 23rd day of February.

[Signature]
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE