WHEREAS, the purchasing and supply management profession plays a significant role in the quality, efficiency, profitability, and productivity of business and government throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, the purchasing and supply management profession works for public, private, and non-profit organizations; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the purchase of commodities and services, the purchasing and supply management profession engages in, and/or has direct responsibility for functions such as the following: executing, implementing, and administering contracts, developing forecasts and procurement strategies, supervising and/or monitoring the flow and storage of materials, and establishing working relationships with suppliers and other departments within organizations; and

WHEREAS, the purchasing and supply management profession has tremendous influence on the nation's economy, with an accumulative purchasing power running into the billions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, purchasing or procurement operations range from one person to several thousand within their respective organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona State Capitol Chapter of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP) and other associations around the globe are holding activities and special events to further educate and inform the general public on the role of purchasing within business, industry, and government.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim March 2019 as

ARIZONA PURCHASING MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twentieth day of February in the year Two Thousand and Nineteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Third.

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE