



## PROCLAMATION

**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, the *public procurement professional* adds value to the organization by performing such functions as developing procurement strategies, cultivating collaborative relationships with the business community and other teams within their organization, consulting on best practices, identifying opportunities for savings, maintaining compliance with rules, regulations, policies, and procedures, and assisting with development of and/or administering contracts; and

**WHEREAS**, the *public procurement professionals* of the **Columbia Chapter of NIGP** have tremendous influence on the economic conditions in the Portland metropolitan area and surrounding communities, with millions of dollars of accumulative purchasing power, while providing high-caliber procurement support to their agency; and

**WHEREAS**, these *public procurement professionals* recognize, support and practice the Public Procurement Values and Guiding Principles of Accountability, Ethics, Impartiality, Professionalism, Service and Transparency, established by NIGP – The Institute for Public Procurement as fundamental tenets of their profession; and

**WHEREAS**, the **Columbia Chapter of NIGP** recognizes the State of Oregon proclamation that the month of March is Procurement Month and to further expand the awareness of the *public purchasing professional's* role to governmental officials, the general public, business and corporate leaders;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, we the Executive Board, of the **Columbia Chapter of NIGP**, do hereby proclaim Thursday, March 28, 2019 as:

## PROFESSIONAL BUYER'S DAY

and urge all members of the **Columbia Chapter of NIGP** members in recognizing the important role of our profession within business, industry and government.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, we, the Board of Directors, hereby cause the seal of the Columbia Chapter of NIGP, to be affixed this 28th day of March 2019.

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Columbia Chapter of NIGP, President