



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, procurement professionals add value to their organizations by performing such functions as contract administration, developing strategic procurement strategies, risk management, sustainable procurement practices, development of specifications, development of procurement policies and procedures, supplier performance management and cultivating working relationships with internal and external customers; and

WHEREAS, public procurement professionals at every level of government in the State of Connecticut, as well as those in other public and private organizations, have a tremendous influence on the economic conditions and sustainability in the United States, with billions of dollars of economic activity generated through their combined purchasing power; and

WHEREAS, public procurement professionals at every level of government in the State of Connecticut are committed to providing strategic, logistical and operational support to their Municipalities, State Agencies and organizations; and

WHEREAS, public procurement professionals recognize, support and practice the Public Procurement Values and Guiding Principles of Accountability, Ethics, Impartiality, Professionalism, Service and Transparency, established by the National Institute of Government Purchasing (NIGP), as fundamental tenets of the public procurement profession; and

WHEREAS, NIGP has proclaimed the month of March as Procurement Month to further expand awareness of the procurement professional's role;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ned Lamont, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby declare the month of March, 2019 as

PROCUREMENT MONTH

And March 13, 2019 as

PROFESSIONAL BUYER'S DAY

in the State of Connecticut, and urge all citizens to join the State of Connecticut in recognizing the role of the purchasing profession in business, industry and government.