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

WHEREAS, the purchasing and materials management profession works for private and public, profit, and nonprofit organizations; and

WHEREAS, the purchasing and materials management profession has tremendous influence on the economic conditions in the United States, with a cumulative purchasing power running into the billions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri Association of Public Purchasing, members of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing and other associations around the globe are holding activities and special events to further educate and inform the public on the role of purchasing within businesses, industries, and governments.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim March 2019 to be

PURCHASING MONTH IN MISSOURI

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 20th day of February, 2019.