



WHEREAS, the procurement of supplies, materials, equipment and services is a fundamental business practice of all levels of government and private business throughout Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Ohio's procurement professionals contribute significantly to the quality, efficiency and profitability of the organizations they represent, with a purchasing power in billions of dollars, resulting in the continued employment of citizens and economic growth in our state; and

WHEREAS, procurement professionals recognize the value of sound purchasing practices and are committed to continuing education to ensure that all purchases provide the most advantageous and economical solutions for their organizations; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio is a competitor of global economic proportion with thousands of small and large corporations and businesses that offer supplies and services to governments, private businesses and individuals both in Ohio and around the world; and

WHEREAS, organizations must continue to purchase supplies and services in difficult economic times, requiring even more creativity and diligence from procurement professionals; and

WHEREAS, the Institute for Supply Management – Central Ohio, Inc. (ISM-Central Ohio, Inc.), is a professional organization that assists public sector purchasing professionals and will convene on March 11, 2018 to honor and recognize the efforts and importance of purchasing professionals;

NOW, THEREFORE, We, Mike DeWine and Jon Husted, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize March 2019 as

OHIO'S PURCHASING PROFESSIONALS MONTH

throughout Ohio and commend the purchasing professionals of government and private businesses for their commitment to purchase wisely and ethically for a stronger Ohio.

On this 1st day of March 2019;

Mike DeWine
Governor



Jon Husted
Lieutenant Governor