Texans expect their governments to be open and transparent, never forgetting that governments work on behalf of the people. As stewards of taxpayers’ hard-earned money, public purchasers are committed to earning Texans’ trust by demonstrating wise, cost-effective methods for making purchases and allocating public resources.

At the local, county and state levels, these hardworking men and women seek to ensure the highest level of integrity in their profession by fostering accountability, increasing operational efficiency and working to promote uniform public purchasing standards.

Each year, an awareness campaign is conducted in March to recognize public purchasing professionals across the Lone Star State for their commitment to excellence in government purchasing.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to recognize the outstanding contributions of public purchasers. Their dedication signals once again that this state’s greatest asset is the people who call it home.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim March 2019 to be

**Public Purchasing Month**