Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

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 adds value to the organization by performing such functions as executing, implementing and administering contracts, developing strategic procurement strategies and cultivating working relationships with supplies and other departments within the organization; and

Whereas, public procurement professionals that are members of the WV Chapter of National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP) and in other public and private organizations have tremendous influence on the economic conditions in the United States, with accumulative purchasing power running into the billions of dollars; and

Whereas, the WV Chapter of NIGP through its members is committed to providing high caliber strategic, logistical and operational support of all agencies associates with the Chapter; and

Whereas, the WV Chapter of NIGP recognizes, supports and practices the Public Procurement Values and Guiding Principles of Accountability, Ethics, Impartiality, Professionalism, Service and Transparency, established by NIGP - The Institute for Public Procurement (NIGP) as fundamental tenets of the public procurement profession; and

Whereas, NIGP has proclaimed the month of March as Procurement Month to further expand the awareness of the purchasing professional's role to government officials, the general public, business and corporate leaders.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim March 13, 2019 as:

Professional Buyer's Day

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the First day of March, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Nineteen, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Sixth year of the State.

[Signature]
Governor

By the Governor:

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Mac Warner
Secretary of State