WHEREAS, the procurement and materials management professions support and enhance the delivery of goods and services by promoting ethical, efficient, and effective purchasing practices; and

WHEREAS, with an annual combined purchasing power of billions of dollars, purchasing and materials management professionals have a significant impact on economic conditions across the state and throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Association of Governmental Purchasing Officials, a chapter of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing, and other professional purchasing associations engage in special efforts during the month of March to inform the public about the importance of the role played by the purchasing profession in business, industry, and government.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 2020 as

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throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the many contributions made by purchasing and materials management professionals to the responsible administration, management, and monitoring of goods and services.