A PROCLAMATION

On Behalf Of The People Of
THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE
By Her Honor The Mayor
Indya Kincannon
To Publicly Recognize

Public Procurement Professionals

WHEREAS: Public procurement professionals demonstrate initiative, dependability and wise, cost-effective methods for making purchases and allocating public resources; and

WHEREAS: Public procurement professionals earn public trust and ensure the efficient use of taxpayer dollars by providing strategic, efficient procurement while maintaining the highest ethical standards; and

WHEREAS: City of Knoxville purchasing professionals process more than 700 requisitions, review more than 25,000 quick purchase orders and purchase order releases per year, and oversee approximately $100 million in spending annually; and

WHEREAS: The City's Surplus Property Manager sells and recoups for the City more than $500,000 per year; and

WHEREAS: City procurement staff members are committed to reflecting the diversity of our business community in their purchasing habits by engaging with small businesses and those owned by minorities, women and military veterans with disabilities; and

WHEREAS: City of Knoxville procurement staff are active members of the East Tennessee Purchasing Association, the Tennessee Association of Public Purchasing, and The Institute for Public Procurement NIGP; and

WHEREAS: March has been designated as a time to educate Knoxville residents on the role of public procurement professionals and recognize public purchasing professionals across our city, state and nation for their efforts and contributions to excellence in governmental procurement.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Indya Kincannon, Mayor of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, do hereby proclaim March 2021 to be:

Public Procurement Month

in our city and ask all citizens to join in this observance.

Given under my hand and affixed with the
Seal of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee,
This First Day of March, 2021

Mayor