



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

PURCHASING MONTH

- WHEREAS:** The purchasing and materials management professions are critical for the public and private sectors to operate efficiently and effectively; and
- WHEREAS:** Purchasing professionals acquire products and services by balancing and negotiating prices, resources, and time. These individuals work in many different settings, including state agencies, county governments, universities and colleges, local school districts, and municipalities; and
- WHEREAS:** Over 600 state, local, and federal purchasing professionals provide the Georgia Department of Administrative Service, as well as other state agencies, with important training and educational resources for procurement and materials management; and
- WHEREAS:** Through their combined purchasing power, these purchasing and materials management professionals are responsible for billions of dollars spent annually, enabling them to have a substantial impact on global economic conditions; and
- WHEREAS:** During the pandemic, government purchasing professionals have worked in urgent conditions to meet challenges and secure materials, resources, and personal protective equipment for frontline workers, contributing to Georgia's COVID-19 response and the safety of communities throughout the state; and
- WHEREAS:** In the month of March, the Georgia Department of Administrative Services, Georgia Chapter of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (GANIGP), Governmental Procurement Association of Georgia, and the Coastal Georgia Chapter of NIGP, along with other professional procurement organizations in our state, participate in efforts to inform the public of how important the purchasing professions is in business, industry, and government; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 2021 as PURCHASING MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 12th day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.



B. P. Kemp
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Brandon Kipferich
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