



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### PROCUREMENT MONTH

- WHEREAS:** The procurement of goods and services within the private and public sectors throughout the State of Georgia and the United States is pivotal to the success of our economy; and
- WHEREAS:** Since purchasing has such a great influence on the state's economy through the monitoring of management of billion dollars of goods and services, it is important to ensure that there are competitive, fair, open, and transparent procurement processes to aid in obtaining the best value for every taxpayer dollar; and
- WHEREAS:** Not only are purchasing professionals securing goods and services to fulfill their organization's needs, but they are also adding value to the organization by negotiating, implementing, and managing contracts; developing and implementing professional training and outreach strategies; and building relationships with the supplier community, as well as partnerships focused on the improvement of all sizes of businesses; and
- WHEREAS:** Procurement professionals foster development of new relationships statewide through the support of the Georgia Department of Administrative Services' Small Business and Supplier Diversity program, which provides critical, capability, and capacity-building training for small and diverse businesses and the opportunity for certification through the new expanded business certification program; and
- WHEREAS:** Guided by ethical principles and fiscal responsibility, procurement professionals work diligently to find effective and efficient ways to fund the necessary services the state provides; thus, contributing to stable and prosperous communities throughout Georgia; and
- WHEREAS:** During the month of March, the Georgia Department of Administrative Services, Georgia Chapter of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP), Governmental Procurement Association of Georgia, and the Coastal Georgia Chapter of NIGP, along with other professional procurement organizations in our state, participate in raising awareness of the importance of purchasing professionals in the fields of business, industry, and government; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 2024 as PROCUREMENT MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.



  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

  
CHIEF OF STAFF