



PROCLAMATION

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WHEREAS: Public procurement professionals make significant and purposeful contributions to guarantee that Jacksonville’s citizens receive the greatest return on their taxpayer dollars. Public procurement accounts for a considerable portion of government expenditures, and public procurement professionals carry out their duties efficiently and ethically to ensure quality service that protects the public interest; and

WHEREAS: Jacksonville is home to hundreds of public procurement professionals who have an immense impact on our economic standing in the United States, with a collective purchasing power valued at billions of dollars; and

WHEREAS: Local, state, and federal public entities, including cities, towns, county officers, state agencies, colleges, universities, public schools, hospitals, political subdivisions, and independent authorities, depend on the professional expertise and services that public procurement employees provide; and

WHEREAS: Public procurement professionals are not only in control of the purchase of goods and services, but also execution, fulfilment, and administration of contracts, development of projections and purchasing strategies, management of the flow and storage of materials, and cultivating professional working relationships with suppliers; and

WHEREAS: Public procurement professionals work tirelessly to enhance purchasing methods, techniques, and practices, use the latest and most up-to-date technology to strengthen efficiency and improve processes, and promote key principles such as accountability, ethics, impartiality, professionalism, service, and transparency; and

WHEREAS: The National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP) recognizes the crucial role of the public procurement profession and educates elected officials, administrators, taxpayers, and vendors about the commendable work and functions of public procurement professionals and observes the month of March as Procurement Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim March 2021 as

PROCUREMENT MONTH

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to recognize the vital role of public procurement professionals within business, industry and government.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 19th day of Feb. in the year Two Thousand 21

Lenny Curry
MAYOR