



CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution of Virginia in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:

PUBLIC PURCHASING MONTH

WHEREAS, the Virginia Association of Governmental Purchasing (VAGP), chartered in 1958, is the largest public purchasing chapter in the nation and the largest chapter of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP), with approximately 1,100 professional public purchasers who are employed by nearly 350 public entities in the Commonwealth of Virginia comprised of cities, counties, towns, state agencies, colleges, universities, public schools, hospitals, political subdivisions, authorities, and community service boards throughout Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Area Purchasing Association (CAPA), also a large chapter of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing, represents approximately 250 professional public purchasers from more than 55 public entities in the Virginia Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, both VAGP and CAPA are dedicated to providing their members with educational and networking opportunities, technical advice and assistance, highlighting best practices in government, and steadfastly promoting professionalism and high ethical standards in the procurement practice; and

WHEREAS, the purchasing and materials management profession, with an aggregate purchasing power of billions of dollars, has a tremendous impact on the economy; and

WHEREAS, purchasing and materials management professionals work diligently to establish and maintain ethical standards in buying and selling in order to increase knowledge of efficient procurement methods, disseminate useful information to members, and promote professionalism in public purchasing; and

WHEREAS, in addition to purchasing goods and services, purchasing and materials management professionals engage in or have direct responsibility for executing, implementing and administering contracts, developing forecasts and procurement strategies, supervising and monitoring the flow and storage of materials, and developing working relationships with suppliers; and

WHEREAS, public purchasing professionals contribute positively to our Commonwealth's public agencies and services by improving purchasing methods and practices and by using new technology to increase efficiency and improve processes;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ralph S. Northam, do hereby recognize March 2021 as **PUBLIC PURCHASING MONTH** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.




Governor


Secretary of the Commonwealth