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GOVERNOR

## PROCUREMENT MONTH

2025

## BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

## A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, public procurement is an essential function of state government, providing for the purchase of goods and services necessary for the safe and effective operations of the state, including purchases for education, health and human services, transportation, administration, and other state agencies; and

WHEREAS, professionals in the purchasing, acquisitions, procurement, and materials management fields are employed in private and public sectors, for-profit and non-profit organizations and have a significant role in the quality and efficiency of business and government throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, purchasing professionals have direct responsibility for purchasing goods and services; executing and implementing contracts; developing forecasts and procurement strategies; supervising and monitoring storage of materials; and developing working relationships with suppliers, departments, agencies, and organizations; and

WHEREAS, procurement professionals make important contributions to ensure the responsible and efficient use of taxpayer dollars while maintaining the highest ethical standards to ensure open, fair, and transparent purchasing activities; and

WHEREAS, local, state, and federal purchasing professionals are responsible for managing and monitoring billions of dollars in goods and services every year, which directly influence the state, national, and international economy; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Administration's Division of Purchase and Contract, state government's central procurement authority, enriches the development skills of procurement professionals across the state through initiatives such as the NC Procurement Academy and annual NC Procurement Excellence and Knowledge Conference; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Association of Governmental Purchasing, the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing, the North Carolina Department of Administration's Division of Purchase and Contract, and other associations around the world are sponsoring activities and other special events to further educate and inform the public regarding the role of purchasing;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, JOSH STEIN, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 2025, as **"PROCUREMENT MONTH"** in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.

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IN WITTESS WHERE F, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-sixth day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-fifth and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-ninth.