



# State of North Carolina

**JOSH STEIN**  
GOVERNOR

## PROCUREMENT MONTH

2026

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, public procurement is an essential function of North Carolina's state government and other state governments nationwide, 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 and in for-profit and non-profit organizations and have significant roles 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 help to ensure that taxpayer dollars are used responsibly and efficiently while also 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 2026 as "**PROCUREMENT MONTH**" in North Carolina and commend its observance to all residents.



  
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**JOSH STEIN**  
Governor

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