STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

***WHEREAS**, professional public procurement is crucial for the efficient and effective operation of all government across the great State of Illinois; and,*

***WHEREAS**, professionals in the purchasing, acquisition, procurement, and material management fields are employed in private and public sectors, as well as, in profit and non-profit organizations; and,*

***WHEREAS**, these procurement professionals dedicate themselves to providing the best value for every taxpayer dollar; they provide high-caliber strategic, logistical, and operational support for agencies and they dedicate themselves to expanding their knowledge, skills, and abilities for the public good; and,*

***WHEREAS**, in addition to the purchase of goods and services, public procurement adds value to the organization by performing such functions as executing, implementing, and administering contracts, developing strategic procurement strategies and cultivating working relationships with suppliers and other departments within the organization; and,*

***WHEREAS**, public procurement has tremendous influence on the economic conditions in the State of Illinois, its municipalities, and indeed across the United States, with accumulative purchasing power running into the billion of dollars; and,*

***WHEREAS**, the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP) has designated the month of March as "Procurement Month" to further expand the awareness of the purchasing professional's role to governmental officials, the public, and business and corporate leaders;*

***THEREFORE**, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim March 2022 as **Public Procurement Month** in Illinois and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.*

In Witness Whereof, *I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.*

Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield, this FOURTH *day of* MARCH*, in the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and* TWENTY-TWO*, and of the State of Illinois, two hundred and* FOURTH*.*

SEAL OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS — AUG. 26TH 1818

Jesse White
SECRETARY OF STATE

JB Pritzker
GOVERNOR