

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS:** Jacksonville's public procurement professionals make significant contributions to ensure citizens receive the greatest return on their taxpayer 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, rely on the professional skills and services provided by public procurement employees; and

**WHEREAS:** The hundreds of public procurement professionals throughout Jacksonville have tremendous influence on economic conditions in the United States, with a cumulative purchasing power valued at billions of dollars; and

**WHEREAS:** Not only are public procurement professionals responsible for the purchase of goods and services, but also execution, implementation and administration of contracts, development of forecasts and purchasing strategies, supervision of the flow and storage of materials, and development of working relationships with suppliers; and

**WHEREAS:** Public procurement professionals work to improve purchasing methods and practices, use new technology to increase efficiency and improve processes, and promote principles such as accountability, ethics, impartiality, professionalism, service, and transparency; and

**WHEREAS:** The National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP) celebrates the role of the public procurement profession, educates elected officials, administrators, taxpayers, and vendors about the admirable work and responsibilities 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 the month of March 2019 as

## PROCUREMENT MONTH

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



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March  
in the year Two Thousand 19

*Lenny Curry*

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA