

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, *the public procurement profession plays a significant role in the efficiency and effectiveness of both government and business; and*

WHEREAS, *in addition to the purchase of goods and services, procurement professionals add 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 professionals operate under many different titles including “Contract Officer”, “Procurement Specialist”, “Purchasing Agent”, etc., and whereas this Proclamation is intended to include all titles with the all-encompassing term “Procurement Professional”; and*

WHEREAS, *public procurement professionals that are members of the National Procurement Institute and other public and private organizations have tremendous influence on the economic conditions in the United States and Canada, with accumulative purchasing power running into the billions of dollars; and*

WHEREAS, *the public procurement professionals serve as the gatekeeper of the competitive process and are entrusted with the responsibility of ensuring that competitive processes are conducted with fairness and transparency for our partners in the business community; and*

WHEREAS, *the National Procurement Institute is focused on leading excellence in public procurement; and*

WHEREAS, *the National Procurement Institute seeks to expand the awareness of the public procurement professional’s role to governmental officials, the general public, business and corporate leaders;*

NOW, THEREFORE, *I, the President of the Executive Board of the National Procurement Institute do hereby proclaim March 11, 2026 as*

PROCUREMENT PROFESSIONALS’ DAY

and urge all members of the National Procurement Institute to join in recognizing the role of the procurement professionals within business, industry, and government.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *I have hereunto set my hand this 11th day of February 2026.*



Brandon Harper

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President