



**John Bel Edwards**  
GOVERNOR  
**Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** the procurement of goods and services has long been recognized as the foundation of commerce; and

**WHEREAS,** the procurement and materials management profession has a significant role in the quality, efficiency and profitability of business and government throughout the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** the procurement and materials management profession works for private, public, profit and nonprofit organizations; and

**WHEREAS,** in the State of Louisiana, thousands of dedicated procurement professionals in business, institutions and state and municipal governments strive daily to reduce costs, encourage competition and promote high ethical standards; and

**WHEREAS,** Louisianans should be made aware of the savings of tax dollars, benefits to industry and career opportunities to be found in professional procurement; and

**WHEREAS,** the procurement and materials management profession has tremendous influence on the economic conditions in the United States, with an accumulative procurement power running into the billions; and

**WHEREAS,** the Division of Administration, Office of State Procurement along with the Louisiana Chapters of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing, the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing, the National Association of State Procurement Officials, the Institute of Supply Management and other associations around the globe are holding activities and special events to further educate and inform the general public on the role of procurement within business, industry and government; and

**WHEREAS,** the State of Louisiana is the namesake of the wisest and most valuable procurement in America's history, the Louisiana Purchase.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, **John Bel Edwards**, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim March 2018 as

**PROFESSIONAL PROCUREMENT MONTH**  
in the State of Louisiana.



*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand  
officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the  
State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of  
Baton Rouge, on this 1st day of March  
A. D. 2018.*

*John Bel Edwards*  
Governor of Louisiana