



Proclamation

WHEREAS, public procurement is an essential function of state government, 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 others; and

WHEREAS, the work of the state procurement office benefits state agencies and citizens alike through the application of the principles of fiscal responsibility and ethical use of taxpayer dollars for the operations of the state; and

WHEREAS, public procurement requires specific knowledge and skills to maintain fair and competitive bid practices, conduct thorough market research, administer effective negotiations for the mutual benefit of the state and supplier, and successfully monitor and evaluate all state contracts; and

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado is supported by a highly qualified and dedicated state procurement staff and governmental procurement organizations that demonstrate professionalism and integrity on all levels and understand the importance of the work they perform for the state, municipalities, counties higher education, school districts and other entities as well as the public; and

WHEREAS, Colorado provides an environment where all organizations are afforded an equal opportunity to compete for business within state, municipal, county, special district, higher education, school district, or other local-area government agencies; and

WHEREAS, governmental procurement organizations across Colorado are committed to the highest ideals of honor and integrity so as to merit the respect and confidence of state, municipal, county, special district, higher education, school district, or other local government agencies, as well as the public, whom they serve; and

WHEREAS, twenty twenty-two marks the 75th Anniversary of the National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO), which initially formed to help state procurement effectively and efficiently distribute surplus World War II materials and continues to connect state procurement offices across the country for education and networking; and

WHEREAS, twenty twenty-two also commemorates the 30th anniversary of NASPO ValuePoint and its predecessor, the Western States Contracting Alliance, created to offer cooperative purchasing solutions for the benefit of the states and continuing to offer high value, reliable, and competitively sourced contracts; and

WHEREAS, the month of March has been designed as National Procurement Month;

THEREFORE, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2022 as

GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT MONTH

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this first day of March, 2022



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jared Polis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jared Polis
Governor