

**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Purchasing, contracting, and materials management professionals play a significant role in the efficiency and effectiveness of government and business; and

WHEREAS: These professionals, through their combined purchasing power, spend billions of dollars each year and have a significant influence upon economic conditions throughout the world; and

WHEREAS: The Arkansas Chapter of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing establishes cooperative relationships among its members for the development of efficient purchasing methods and practices to encourage maintenance of ethical standards, to promote uniform public purchasing laws, and to promote ongoing training and certification for those engaged in the profession; and

WHEREAS: By obtaining the goods and services needed to get the job done in an efficient and economical manner, these professionals make it possible for the government to ably serve the citizens of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: During the month of March, professional purchasing employees throughout the State of Arkansas engage in special efforts to inform the public about the importance of the roles played by the purchasing profession in business, industry, and government;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim March 2015, as

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across the State, and I urge my fellow citizens to recognize the importance of purchasing professionals in the efficient and economic acquisition of goods and services needed by government and businesses.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 30<sup>th</sup> day of January, in the year of our Lord 2015.

  
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ASA HUTCHINSON, GOVERNOR

Attest:

  
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MARK MARTIN, SECRETARY OF STATE

