

WHEREAS; public procurement is a necessary function of state government that entails the purchase of materials, supplies, equipment, and contractual services needed to maintain the operation of public goods and services, such as education, health and human services, transportation, administration, and more; and

WHEREAS; guided by the principle of fiscal responsibility and the ethical use of taxpayer dollars, state procurement officials work diligently to find effective and efficient ways to fund necessary public services and anticipate the needs of the communities they serve, whether it be through managing contracts, providing training and consulting services, maintaining purchasing information systems, and more; and

WHEREAS; public procurement staff have a unique skill set that allows them to maintain fair and competitive bid practices, conduct market research, carry out negotiations that benefit both the state and suppliers, and successfully monitor and evaluate all state contracts; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins the dedicated procurement professionals throughout the state in recognizing the importance of procurement and encouraging all Wisconsinites to familiarize themselves with the activities required to provide the state with quality, ethical purchases;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim March 2026 as

## **NATIONAL PROCUREMENT MONTH**

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 27th day of February 2026.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State