



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: The purchasing, acquisition, procurement, and materials management professions play a significant role in the quality, efficiency, and profitability of American businesses and government; and

WHEREAS: Professionals in the purchasing, acquisitions, procurement, and materials management fields are employed in the private and public sectors, as well as in profit and non-profit organizations; and

WHEREAS: In addition to the purchasing of goods and services, purchasing, acquisitions, procurement, and materials management professionals engage in or have direct responsibility for functions that include the execution, implementation, and administration of contracts; the development of forecasts and procurement strategies; the supervision of the flow and storage of materials; and the development of working relationships with suppliers and other clientele; and

WHEREAS: Purchasing professionals help ensure the efficient use of taxpayer dollars by providing efficient service and maintaining high ethical standards; and

WHEREAS: Each year, local, state, and federal purchasing professionals manage and monitor goods and services worth billions of dollars, directly influencing the national and international economies; and

WHEREAS: Purchasing and procurement operations differ greatly in size, ranging from departments of one to organizations composed of thousands of employees; and

WHEREAS: The Minnesota Chapter of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing has joined with other associations from around the globe to sponsor activities and special events that aim to educate and inform the general public about the influential role of purchasing.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM PAWLENTY, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of March, 2008, as:

## PURCHASING MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 26th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the State the one hundred forty-ninth.

*Mark Ritchie*

SECRETARY OF STATE

*Tim Pawlenty*  
GOVERNOR