



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: The purchasing, acquisition, procurement and materials management professions have a significant role in the quality and efficiency of business and government throughout the United States; and

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

WHEREAS: In addition to the purchase of goods and services, purchasing, acquisitions, procurement and materials management professionals engage in or have direct responsibility for functions such as execution, implementation and administration of contracts, development of forecasts and procurement strategies, supervising and monitoring the flow of storage of materials; and the development of working relationships with suppliers and other departments within the organizations; and

WHEREAS: Purchasing professionals make important contributions to assure the efficient use of taxpayer dollars by providing efficient service while maintaining the highest ethical standards; and

WHEREAS: Local, state and federal purchasing professionals are responsible for managing and monitoring billions of dollars worth of goods and services every year, which directly influences the national and international economies; and

WHEREAS: Purchasing and procurement operations range from departments of one to several thousands of employees; and

WHEREAS: The Minnesota Chapter of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing and other associations around the globe are sponsoring activities and other special events to further educate and inform the general public regarding the role of purchasing.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of March, 2011 to be:

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 15th day of February.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE