

NLGA – For Consideration:

NLGA Consensus Resolution Recognizing March as National Procurement Month

WHEREAS, public procurement is an essential function of government, providing for the purchase of goods and services necessary for the efficient, effective, and safe operation of state and territorial government, and

WHEREAS, the work of the government procurement offices benefits state and territorial agencies, local governments, school districts, and citizens alike through the application of the principles of fiscal responsibility, ensuring transparency, fairness, and efficiency in procurement processes that ensures responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars for the operations of government, and

WHEREAS, public procurement requires specific knowledge and skills to maintain open and competitive purchasing practices, conduct thorough market analysis, administer effective negotiations for the mutual benefit of governments and suppliers, and successfully monitor and evaluate all government purchasing contracts, and

WHEREAS, in addition to the purchase of goods and services, public procurement adds value by performing such functions as executing, implementing, and administering contracts, developing strategic procurement strategies and cultivating working relationships with suppliers and other departments within the organization, and

WHEREAS, state and local governments everywhere are supported by a highly qualified and dedicated procurement staff who demonstrate professionalism on all levels and understand the importance of the work they perform, and

WHEREAS, many organizations around the nation and units of public procurement hold activities and events annually in March to further educate and inform the public on the critical role that public procurement plays in our government's success.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the National Lieutenant Governors Association joins lieutenant governors and seconds-in-command across the country, and other groups and individuals, to proclaim March 2026, March 2027, and March 2028 as "National Procurement Month."

ADOPTED, this day, the ___ of July, 2025.

Co-Sponsors: *TBD following approval.*

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