



## National Lieutenant Governors Association

### NLGA Consensus Resolution Recognizing March as National Procurement Month

1 **WHEREAS**, public procurement is an essential function of government, providing for the purchase  
2 of goods and services necessary for the safe and effective operations of the state/territory,  
3 including purchases for education, health and human services, transportation, administration, and  
4 others, and  
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6 **WHEREAS**, the work of the government procurement offices benefit state/territorial agencies, local  
7 governments, school districts, and citizens alike through the application of the principles of fiscal  
8 responsibility and ethical use of taxpayer dollars for the operations of government, and

9 **WHEREAS**, public procurement requires specific knowledge and skills to maintain fair and  
10 competitive purchasing practices, conduct thorough market research, administer effective  
11 negotiations for the mutual benefit of governments and suppliers, and successfully monitor and  
12 evaluate all government purchasing contracts, and

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

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

20 **WHEREAS**, the National Lieutenant Governors Association supports and practices the public  
21 procurement values and guiding principles of accountability, ethics, impartiality, professionalism,  
22 service, and transparency established by the Institute for Public Procurement (NIGP) as  
23 fundamental tenets of the public procurement profession, and

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

27 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the National Lieutenant Governors Association joins  
28 lieutenant governors and seconds-in-command across the country to proclaim March 2026, March  
29 2027, and March 2028 as "National Procurement Month."



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- 30 ADOPTED, this day, the 17<sup>th</sup> of July 2025.
- 31 Co-Sponsors: *TBD following approval.*
- 32 *Proposed for the docket by:* Michigan Lt. Governor Gilchrist (D)