



**GOVERNMENTAL PURCHASING MONTH PROCLAMATION 2026**

**WHEREAS**, the purchasing and materials management profession, with an aggregate purchasing power of billions of dollars, has a tremendous impact on the economy; and

**WHEREAS**, purchasing and materials management professionals work diligently to establish and maintain ethical standards in buying and selling, to increase their knowledge of efficient procurement methods, to disseminate useful information to its members and to promote professionalism in public purchasing; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to purchasing goods and services, the purchasing and materials management professions engage in, or have direct responsibility for, following Virginia Code for procurement and monitoring changes to the Code, seeking procurement and savings opportunities, developing and editing sealed solicitations, executing, implementing and administering contracts, developing forecasts and procurement strategies, supervising and monitoring the flow and storage of materials, overseeing the day-to-day small purchases and developing working relationships with suppliers; and

**WHEREAS**, purchasing professionals make important contributions to ensure the efficient use of taxpayer dollars, by providing efficient service while maintaining the highest ethical standards; and

**WHEREAS**, the Virginia Association of Governmental Procurement (VAGP) was established in 1958, is the largest chapter of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP), with more than 1,000 professional public procurement members employed by nearly 350 public entities, comprised of cities, counties, towns, state agencies, colleges, universities, public schools, hospitals, authorities and community service boards throughout Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, professional purchasing associations such as the VAGP and the NIGP engage in special efforts during the month of March to inform the public about the importance of the role played by the purchasing profession in business, industry, and government; and

**WHEREAS**, governmental purchasing professionals contribute positively to the City of Harrisonburg and the Commonwealth of Virginia overall by improving purchasing methods and practices and by utilizing new technologies to increase efficiency and improve processes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Harrisonburg City Council wishes to recognize these professionals and the role they play in fostering efficient, transparent, ethical, and accountable government.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED I**, Mayor Deanna R. Reed, Mayor of the City of Harrisonburg, Virginia do hereby proclaim March 2026 as **GOVERNMENTAL PURCHASING MONTH**.

**GIVEN** under my hand this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2026.

BY:

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Deanna R. Reed, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pam Ulmer, City Clerk