## Proclamation by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, public procurement is an essential function of state government, providing for the purchase of goods and services necessary for the safe and effective operations of the state, including purchases for education, health and human services, transportation, administration, and others; and

Whereas, the work of the state procurement office benefits state agencies and citizens alike through the application of the principles of fiscal responsibility and ethical use of taxpayer dollars for the operations of the state; and

Whereas, public procurement requires specific knowledge and skills to maintain fair and competitive bid practices, conduct thorough market research, administer effective negotiations for the mutual benefit of the state and supplier, and successfully monitor and evaluate all state contracts; and

Whereas, the Great State of West Virginia supports our highly qualified and dedicated state procurement staff who demonstrate professionalism on importance of the work they perform; and

Whereas, the month of March has been designed as National Procurement Month.

**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *March 2024* as:

## National Procurement Month

and encourage all West Virginians to develop community mitigation and recovery plans and work together toward creating a more resilient society.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

**Done** at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Second day of February, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Four, and in the One Hundred Sixty-First year of the State.



Jim Justice

Governor

By the Governor:

Mac Warner Secretary of State