

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

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

WHEREAS, local, state and federal purchasing professionals are responsible for maintaining and monitoring billions of dollars' worth of goods and services every year, directly influencing national and international economies, and **City of Tampa Purchasing Department** plays a significant role in the quality, efficiency and effectiveness of Tampa, Florida City Government; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the purchase of goods and services, the Purchasing Department engages in or has direct responsibility for functions such as executing, implementing and administering contracts, developing forecasts and procurement strategies, supervising and monitoring the flow and storage of materials, and developing working relationships with suppliers and other service centers and groups within the organization; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa Purchasing Department has received the *Annual Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award* from the National Purchasing Institute for fourteen consecutive years from 2007 to 2020, received a commendation from the Tampa Police Department for supplies and exceptional services and support during the 2012 Republican National Convention, honored with the *Partnership & Service Award* from the City of Tampa Department of Solid Waste and Environmental Program Management in both 2013 and 2015, and was recognized in 2018 for its long-standing fifty-year membership in the National Institute for Public Procurement; and

WHEREAS, the **City of Tampa Purchasing Department** participated in the highly successful City of Tampa's Bridges to Business Outreach event in 2019 that engaged small and minority owned businesses in the bidding and contracting process, and beginning in 2020 and continuing in 2021, provided significant support in sourcing facial masks as well as a variety of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) items to first responders and the public in the fight against the spread of the Coronavirus, and the department ensured needed supplies, materials and food were available in activating the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2021 as

"PURCHASING MONTH"

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the important role of purchasing professionals within business, industry and government.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 10th day of February 2021.





Mayor