

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 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

WHEREAS, the **City of Tampa Purchasing Department** plays a significant role in the quality, efficiency and effectiveness of Tampa, Florida City Government, and is an instrumental part of the City's growth and success; 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 received the *Annual Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award* from the National Purchasing Institute for fifteen consecutive years from 2007 to 2021, recognized in 2018 for its long-standing fifty-year membership in the National Institute for Public Procurement, twice honored with the *Partnership & Service Award* from the City of Tampa Department of Solid Waste and Environmental Program Management, recognized with a commendation from the Tampa Police Department for supplies, exceptional services and support provided during the 2012 Republican National Convention, and it received a commendation from Tampa City Council in September 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa Purchasing Department participates in the highly successful City of Tampa's *Bridges to Business Outreach* event that began in 2019 and the department continues to help facilitate similar events including *Prime Time with Purchasing* along with the Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Office orientation classes to engage small and minority owned businesses in the bidding and contracting process, and since 2020, continues to provide significant support in sourcing facial masks and 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); and

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 2022 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 24th day of February 2022.



Jane Castor

Mayor