Proclamation for Procurement Month and Procurement Professionals' Day – March 2026

WHEREAS, the public procurement profession plays a significant role in the efficiency and effectiveness of both government and business; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the purchase of goods and services, procurement professionals add value to the organization by performing such functions as executing, implementing, and administering contracts, developing strategic procurement strategies, and cultivating working relationships with suppliers and other departments within the organization; and

WHEREAS, public procurement professionals in the Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority and in other public and private organizations have tremendous influence on the economic conditions in the United States, with accumulative purchasing power running into the billions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, the public procurement professionals in the Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority are committed to providing high-caliber strategic, logistical, and operational support to all departments within the Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority; and

WHEREAS, the public procurement professionals in the Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority recognize, support, and practice the Public Procurement Values and Guiding Principles of The National Institute for Public Procurement (NIGP), namely- Accountability, Ethics, Impartiality, Professionalism, Service, and Transparency- as fundamental tenets of the public procurement profession; and

WHEREAS, NIGP has proclaimed the month of March as Procurement Month to further expand the awareness of the procurement professional's role to governmental officials, the general public, business, and corporate leaders;

NOW, THEREFORE, The Honorable Governance Board for the Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority do hereby proclaim Wednesday, March 11, 2026, as **PROCUREMENT PROFESSIONALS' DAY** and the month of March 2026 as **PROCUREMENT MONTH**, in the Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority and urge all citizens to join the Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority in recognizing the role of the purchasing and materials management profession within business, industry, and government.

Verna Seal
Verna Seal (Mar 5, 2026 10:57:48 PST)
Board Chairperson Seal

David J. Scalabrini
David J. Scalabrini (Mar 5, 2026 12:20:47 PST)
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Hannah Hedrick (Mar 5, 2026 12:14:47 PST)
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Mark Larimer (Mar 6, 2026 12:18:28 PST)
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Dennis Martinez
Dennis Martinez (Mar 6, 2026 08:39:48 PST)
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Margaret Harto
Margaret Harto (Mar 5, 2026 14:37:42 PST)
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John Boyd (Mar 5, 2026 12:42:38 PST)
Board Member Boyd

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Pat Sullivan (Mar 10, 2026 19:49:35 PDT)
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Attest:
Jessica Extine (Mar 5, 2026 10:47:33 PST)
Board Secretary Extine