

A Proclamation  
by  
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Association of Governmental Purchasing/Property Agents currently has in excess of 600 members who represent governmental entities across the great state of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, public purchasing involves the management of goods, the establishment of sources and shipping through inventory and warehousing to the disposal of surplus items, and involves the determination of which product or service to buy to meet a specific need at the lowest possible price within the required deadline without sacrificing quality or service; and

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

WHEREAS, the purchasing and materials management has tremendous influence and impact on economic conditions of the United States and the World, with an accumulative purchasing power in the billions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, the persons engaged in the purchasing and materials management profession generally subscribe to the highest ideals of ethical behavior; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Mississippi Association of Governmental Purchasing/Property Agents are residents of Mississippi communities across our State, participating in community service projects that benefit their fellow citizens;

Now, therefore, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim the month of March 2000,

**PURCHASING MONTH**

in the State of Mississippi and encourage all citizens to join in commemorating this observance by events and activities to further educate and inform the general public about the role of purchasing and materials management within business, industry and government.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, February 11, 2000, in the two hundred and twenty-fourth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE  
GOVERNOR

Eric Clark  
Secretary of State