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PROCLAMATION

The public procurement professional supports government operations with an uninterrupted flow of goods and services and plays a significant role in the efficiency and effectiveness of government, business and industry.

In addition to purchasing goods and services, public procurement professionals engage in or have direct responsibility for executing, implementing and administering contracts, developing forecasts and procurement strategies, supervising and monitoring the flow and storage of material and developing working relationships with suppliers.

The U.S. Census Bureau's State and Local Government Finances by Level of Government 2009 and 2010 indicates "spending at the state and local government level for Fiscal Year 2010 totaled $3.11 trillion." Through their combined purchasing power, procurement professionals have a significant influence upon economic conditions throughout the world.

The Mississippi Association of Governmental Purchasing / Property Agents (MAGPPA), a chapter of NIGP – The Institute for Public Procurement, serves over five hundred procurement and property professionals throughout Mississippi by promoting and maintaining high ethical values, enhancing public procurement practices, protecting the public trust and making a positive difference by leading the way through excellence.

MAGPPA is proud to be a supporting organization for the NIGP's Public Procurement Principles and Practice project to develop procurement values, principles and standards of practice for the public procurement profession. MAGPPA joins with other public procurement professionals in embracing six core values: (1) accountability, taking ownership and responsibility for our actions; (2) impartiality, unbiased decision making and actions; (3) ethics, acting in a manner true to these values; (4) professionalism, upholding high standards of job performance and ethical behavior; (5) service, obligation to assist stakeholders; and (6) transparency, easily accessible and understandable policies and processes.

MAGPPA and other professional procurement associations throughout the world engage in special efforts, during the month of March, to inform the public of the important role played by procurement professionals in business, industry and government.

Now, therefore, I, Mayor Tommy Fortenberry, do hereby recognize MARCH 2013 as PUBLIC PROCUREMENT MONTH in the City of Gautier, Mississippi, and I encourage our citizens to join in recognition and observance of the public procurement profession.

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Tommy Fortenberry, Mayor March 5, 2013