## EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

WHEREAS, governmental procurement organizations across South Dakota are committed to the highest ideals of honor and integrity so as to merit the respect and confidence of state, municipal, county higher education, school district and other local government agencies, as well as the public which they serve; and

**WHEREAS**, South Dakota provides an environment where all organizations are afforded an equal opportunity to compete for business within state, municipal, county, higher education, school district, or other local government agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, governmental procurement organizations are to be commended for their diligent pursuit of efficiency in the operation of government through their commitment to seek goods and services of the highest value in terms of quality and price so as to maximize the benefits provided to South Dakotans; and

**WHEREAS**, the month of March has been designated for an awareness campaign to recognize all public procurement professionals across our state for their efforts and contributions to excellence in governmental procurement.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KRISTI NOEM, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 2021, as

## PUBLIC PROCUREMENT MONTH

in South Dakota.

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this twenty-third day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-One.

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Kristi Noem

Governor of South Dakota

ATTEST:

Steven J. Barnett

Secretary of State