

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

PROCLAMATION

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 adds 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 that are employees of the Tucson Unified School District 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 Purchasing Department in the Tucson Unified School District is committed to providing high-caliber strategic, logistical and operational support of all departments within the Tucson Unified School District; and*

WHEREAS, *the Purchasing Department, as a division of the Financial Area, is committed to increasing efficiencies and cost savings within the District, the Financial Area promotes a pCard Program, which significantly decreases payment processing costs, allows for timely payments to vendors, and rebates received through the pCard program are used to support various District initiatives; and*

WHEREAS, *the Purchasing Department of the Tucson Unified School District recognizes, supports and practices the Public Procurement Values and Guiding Principles of Accountability, Ethics, Impartiality, Professionalism, Service and Transparency, established by NIGP – The Institute for Public Procurement (NIGP) 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 purchasing professional's role to governmental officials, the general public, business and corporate leaders;*

NOW, THEREFORE, *We, the Governing Board of the Tucson Unified School District do hereby proclaim March as*

PROCUREMENT MONTH

*And March 8th as **Professional Buyer's Day**. We urge all District staff to join the Governing Board of the Tucson Unified School District in recognizing the role of the purchasing and materials management profession within business, industry and government.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Governing Board of the Tucson Unified School District, Tucson, Arizona to be affixed this 7th day of March, 2017.*

Michael Hicks, Board President

Dr. Mark Stegeman, Board Clerk

Kristel Ann Foster, Board Member

Adelita S. Grijalva, Board Member

Rachael Sedgwick, Board Member