

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, *the work of public procurement professionals is essential to helping government and businesses operate efficiently and effectively; and*

WHEREAS, *beyond buying goods and services, Procurement adds value by managing contracts, creating purchasing strategies, and building strong relationships with suppliers and other departments; and*

WHEREAS, *procurement professionals at Tucson Unified School District (TUSD) and across the country have a major impact on the U.S. economy, with purchasing power totaling billions of dollars; and*

WHEREAS, *TUSD's Purchasing Department is dedicated to providing strong strategic, logistical, and operational support to all district departments; and*

WHEREAS, *the Purchasing Department, as part of the Financial Area, works to improve efficiency and save money through programs like the pCard, which reduces payment-processing costs, ensures quick vendor payments, and returns rebate dollars that support district initiatives; and*

WHEREAS, *the TUSD Purchasing Department follows and promotes the Public Procurement Values and Guiding Principles—Accountability, Ethics, Impartiality, Professionalism, Service, and Transparency—as established by NIGP: The Institute for Public Procurement; and*

WHEREAS, *NIGP recognizes the month of March as Procurement Month to help raise awareness of the important role procurement professionals play in government, business, and the community;*

NOW, THEREFORE, *the Governing Board of Tucson Unified School District proclaims March 2026 as:*

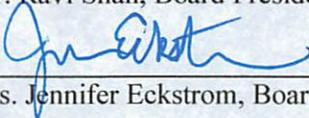
PROCUREMENT MONTH

And March 11th as Professional Buyer's Day. We encourage all district staff to join us in recognizing the important work of purchasing and materials management professionals in supporting business, industry, and government.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *we have set our hands and affixed the Seal of the Governing Board of the Tucson Unified School District, Tucson, Arizona, on the 10th day of March 2026.*



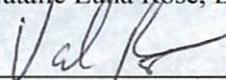
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