

City of Richmond

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR



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Proclamation

WHEREAS, public procurement is a function of many government agencies that work to promote efficient commerce between municipalities and businesses through the exchange of goods and services essential to government operations; and

WHEREAS, public procurement professionals implement and maintain best practices that uphold ethical standards, ensure internal and external accountability, and provide assurance to constituents impacted by the procurement of goods and services; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Procurement Services serves as the professional procurement and contracting authority for the City of Richmond and is tasked with promoting high standards in all business relationships while ensuring citizens receive maximum value for each tax dollar spent; and

WHEREAS, the National Institute for Public Procurement, established in 1944, is committed to developing, supporting, and promoting the public procurement profession through education, research programs, professional support, technical services, and advocacy initiatives that benefit members and constituents; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Procurement Services has been nationally and state recognized for excellence in public procurement, having earned the National Procurement Institute's Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award for the past two consecutive years and the 2025 Leading Light Award from the Virginia Association of Government Procurement in recognition of innovative leadership and outstanding achievements that significantly benefit the Commonwealth and serve as a model for other public procurement professionals; and

WHEREAS, the National Institute for Public Procurement has designated the month of March as Procurement Month to recognize the dedicated professionals who contribute to government efficiency and effectiveness; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dr. Danny TK Avula, Mayor of the City of Richmond, Virginia, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2026 as

"National Procurement Month"

in the City of Richmond and encourage all citizens and City agencies to recognize the diligent work and efforts of procurement professionals in promoting efficiency and integrity in securing goods and services for our great city.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused it to be affixed, the seal of the City of Richmond, this 1st day of March 2026.

Danny TK Avula, MD, MPH
Mayor
City of Richmond