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RESOLUTION**

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**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE**

**PRESIDENT OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**WHEREAS**, the month of March is designated as Purchasing Month and celebrated by public procurement professionals around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, procurement affects and is affected by the public sector organization as a whole, and the community it serves; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Institute for Governmental Purchasing, an organization dedicated to the dissemination of procurement best practices within the public sector through the development of training, certification, and research, has undertaken the task of developing values and guiding principles applicable to all public procurement professionals across the nation and the standards to which procurement professionals will be held; and

**WHEREAS**, the development of values and guiding principles are based on three pillars: public trust, public service, and justice; and

**WHEREAS**, the values around which the guiding principles will be developed include accountability, ethics, impartiality, professionalism, service and transparency; and

**WHEREAS**, the guiding principles establish the fundamental norms, rules or ethics that represent what is desirable and affirmative for the public procurement profession and helps determine the rightfulness or wrongfulness of the actions of a procurement professional; and

**WHEREAS**, these values are consistent with President Preckwinkle's vision and the values that her Administration want to promote in conducting County business; and

**WHEREAS**, the County's participation in a collaborative development and adoption of public procurement values and guiding principles is desired by this Administration; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County administration wishes to support the collaborative development of acceptable principles guiding the public procurement profession.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Administration of Cook County supports the development of such values and guiding principles in celebration of purchasing month.

Approved and adopted this 1st day of March 2011.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk