

## Item 5



# Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

**Meeting Date:** February 26, 2013

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**Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head:** Cyd Grimes

**Commissioners Court Sponsor:** Judge Biscoe

**Agenda Language:** Approve proclamation declaring March 2013, Purchasing month in Travis County.

**Purchasing Recommendation and Comments:** Each year in March, the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP) sponsors a nationwide Purchasing Month, a time during which professional purchasers are honored for the work they do within their respective governing bodies. As a result, local NIGP chapters initiate proclamations to be signed by a variety of governing bodies. The proclamations designate March as a "Purchasing Month".

The local NIGP chapter, The Texas Association of Public Purchasers, is obtaining such proclamations from the State of Texas governor as well as the City of Austin mayor. The proclamations will designate March, 2013, as Purchasing Month in the State of Texas and the City of Austin, respectively. Such proclamations have been approved for each of the past several years.

Request the Commissioners Court consider signing the attached proclamation to designate March, 2013, as Purchasing Month in Travis County, and recognize the valuable and hard work of the Travis County Purchasing Office.

## Travis County Proclamation – Public Purchasing Month

Whereas, the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP) has declared March, 2013, to be Purchasing Month nation-wide; and

Whereas, the public purchasing and materials management profession works to build better business and government; and

Whereas, the employees of the Travis County Purchasing, Inventory Management, and HUB Office staff dedicate themselves to fair and responsible purchasing practices; and

Whereas, these staff members are committed to performing at the highest level of their profession to efficiently utilize precious tax dollars for the benefit of Travis County taxpayers; and

Whereas, these staff members contribute to the city, county and state's economic success while upholding the laws of the Great State of Texas and adhering to a business code of ethics; and

Whereas, these staff members encourage and sponsor activities to promote education and certification in purchasing; and

Whereas, these staff members dutifully fulfill an obligation to extend opportunities to all members of the business community by engaging in fair and inclusive purchasing practices; and

Whereas, these staff members are dedicated to the inclusion of women and minority owned businesses in the procurement process, while promoting and fostering public confidence in the integrity of the process;

Now, therefore, let it be known that we, the members of the Travis County Commissioners Court, hereby proclaim March, 2013, as Public Purchasing Month in the County of Travis.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed the official seal of the County of Travis on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.