

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, financial capability is essential to ensure that Washingtonians are prepared to manage money, credit, investments, and debt; and

WHEREAS, many people have difficulty managing money due to a lack of financial education; and

WHEREAS, consumers must be informed before their lack of financial education puts them, and our economy, at risk; and

WHEREAS, it is vital that Washingtonians have the knowledge they need to make wise financial decisions; and

WHEREAS, by increasing the financial capability of Washingtonians, we can improve the quality of their lives, provide them with skills for success, as well as strengthen the economy of this state; and

WHEREAS, Washington must continue to be a leader in financial education, not a follower, in order to maintain a strong and vibrant community; and

WHEREAS, it is everyone's responsibility to learn the facts of investing, take charge of their money, realize the importance of saving for their family's future, and understand that it is never too late to invest; and

WHEREAS, during National Financial Capability Month, state and federal agencies, consumer groups, the financial industry, numerous non-profit organizations and the media will join together to conduct educational events in schools and communities to illustrate the importance of personal financial ownership;

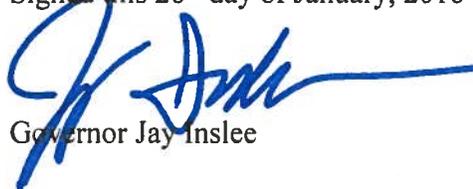
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim April 2016 as

Financial Capability Month

in Washington, and I urge all people in our state to join me in this special observance.



Signed this 26th day of January, 2016


Governor Jay Inslee