

The State of Washington



Proclamation

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

WHEREAS, some who call Washington home may struggle with managing money due to a lack of financial education at home, school or work; and

WHEREAS, it is crucial for Washingtonians to take charge of their money, realize the importance of saving and investing for their household's future and understand that it is never too late to take steps to improve one's financial condition; and

WHEREAS, residents of Washington should be provided with financial education and fraud prevention information to ensure they can identify, prevent and report products that could be harmful to their financial lives; and

WHEREAS, it is critical that people of all ages have the knowledge they need to make sound financial decisions; and

WHEREAS, by increasing the financial capability of Washingtonians at all stages of life, we can help them improve their quality of life and skillsets and strengthen the economy of this state; and

WHEREAS, Washington must continue to be a leader in financial education to maintain a strong and vibrant community; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Ferguson, governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim April 2026 as

Financial Capability Month

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

Signed this 1st day of April, 2026

Governor Bob Ferguson

