## 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 and 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 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 2021 as

## Financial Capability Month

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

Signed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2021

Governor Jay Inslee