

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, financial capability is an essential skill to ensure that 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 being provided at home, school or work; and

WHEREAS, the people of Washington should be provided financial education and fraud prevention information to ensure they can identify and avoid products that could be detrimental to their financial lives; and

WHEREAS, it is vital that the people of Washington - 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 improve the quality life, increase skills for success, and 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 crucial for all who call Washington home to take charge of their money, realize the importance of saving and investing for their family's future, and understand that it is never too late to take steps to improve one's financial future; 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, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim April 2024 as

Financial Capability Month

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

Signed this 16th day of February, 2024

Governor Jay Inslee

