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Proclamation

WHEREAS, financial capability is essential 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 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 crucial that all who call Washington home are able 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 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 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 2023 as

Financial Capability Month

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

Signed this 8th day of March, 2023

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