

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



Governor's Office

PROCLAMATION

FINANCIAL EDUCATION MONTH April 2016

WHEREAS, personal financial management is a lifelong activity that, at times, can be intricate and overwhelming; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Banking and Securities assists thousands of Pennsylvanians each year through its leadership of the Consumer Financial Protection Initiative's Investor Education and Consumer Outreach efforts; its partnerships with the Investor Protection Trust, AARP Pennsylvania, and the Pennsylvania Department of Aging to protect seniors from financial exploitation; and its collaboration with the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs to help members of the military community address their distinctive financial challenges; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency provides the "Building your Financial House" program and other services for Pennsylvania renters, homebuyers, and homeowners; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Department of Education created a High School Personal Finance course on iTunes U that was named Best of 2015 by Apple; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency provides high school students and their families resources on student debt awareness and college planning through its MySmartBorrowing.org website; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Jump\$tart Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy is dedicated to improving financial education from preschool through college; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Treasury Department strives to teach all citizens about the 529 College Savings Program and is working to enact the Achieving a Better Life Experience (PA ABLE) for individuals and families with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, many banks will participate in "Teach Your Children to Save Day" on April 29, and many credit unions will participate in "National Credit Union Youth Month" from April 1-30; and

WHEREAS, financial education is essential to ensure that individuals are prepared to manage credit, debt, and investing in order to become independent and self-sufficient citizens of the commonwealth.

THEREFORE, in special recognition of the importance of affordable, accessible, high-quality financial education, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim April 2016 FINANCIAL EDUCATION MONTH and encourage citizens, parents, teachers, community leaders, and other stakeholders to seek ways to improve their own personal finance capabilities.



GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, on this twenty-third day of March in the Year of our Lord two thousand and sixteen, and of the Commonwealth the two hundred and fortieth.

Tom Wolf
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Governor