

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, financial literacy is essential to ensure that Washingtonians are prepared to manage money, credit, investments, and debt; and

**WHEREAS**, many citizens have difficulty managing money due to a lack of financial literacy; and

**WHEREAS**, it is vital that Washingtonians have the knowledge they need to make wise financial decisions; and

**WHEREAS**, by increasing the financial literacy of Washingtonians, we can improve the quality of their lives, provide them with skills for success, as well as strengthen the economy of this state; and

**WHEREAS**, it is everyone's responsibility to learn the facts of investing, take charge of their money, realize the importance of saving towards their family's future, and understand that it is never too late to invest; and

**WHEREAS**, during Financial Literacy Month, state and federal agencies, consumer groups, the financial industry, 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, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim April 2009 as

### *Financial Literacy Month*

in Washington State, and I urge all citizens to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 30<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2008

*Christine O. Gregoire*  
Governor Christine O. Gregoire

