Commonwealth of Massachusetts

A Proclamation

His Excellency Governor Deval L. Patrick

Whereas The Massachusetts Asset Development Commission has identified financial education as an important strategy in helping residents experience financial stability, achieve financial independence and contribute to civic participation and the economy; and

Whereas Many Massachusetts families need information and assistance to effectively manage their finances in today's uncertain and changing economy; and

Whereas The Massachusetts Division of Banks' low-cost banking program, Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation's Project Credit Smarts, Department of Housing and Community Development, Department of Elder Affairs, State Treasurer's Money Conference and other state agencies provide and support financial education programs; and

Whereas Many community-based organizations and financial institutions across the state work to provide financial education to local residents; and

Whereas The Massachusetts Financial Education Collaborative endeavors to better support and coordinate the delivery of financial education through public and private partners through outreach, communication and resources; and

Whereas Through these programs and public awareness, the Commonwealth hopes to make personal finance basics available to all families in the state;

Now, Therefore, I, Deval L. Patrick, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim October 2010 to be,

FINANCIAL EDUCATION MONTH

And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this first day of October, in the year two thousand and ten, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-fourth.

By His Excellency

DEVAL L. PATRICK
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts