

Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

His Excellency Governor Deval L. Patrick

Whereas 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 changing economy; and

Whereas The number of bankruptcies in Massachusetts has increased in recent years and the threat of foreclosure remains an issue for thousands of homeowners; and

Whereas The Federal Reserve Bank of Boston holds its annual Financial Education Summit on October 21st, 2011; and

Whereas The Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation has created Project Credit Smarts, a college-focused credit and debt education program; 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 2011 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 twenty-eighth day of September, in the year two thousand and eleven, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-fifth.

By His Excellency

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deval L. Patrick".

DEVAL L. PATRICK
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William Francis Galvin".

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH



God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts