

# COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA



## PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, mastering personal finance such as budgeting, saving, debt management, and retirement planning, is key to independence, peace of mind, and flexibility in financial decision making; and

WHEREAS, financially literate individuals manage expenses better, save more, and invest wisely for retirement; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Department of Banking and Securities works with state and local government agencies, service providers, community and trade organizations, the general assembly, the military community, schools, and other partners to ensure consumers of all ages learn how to make well-informed investment decisions and avoid fraud through noncommercial, informative group presentations and community events; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Department of Education is committed to ensuring learners of all ages have the skills and knowledge they need upon graduation to make intelligent financial decisions, regardless of which path they choose to pursue after graduation, and to become educated and productive members of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, beginning with the 2026-27 school year, Pennsylvania schools will provide a mandatory personal finance course for public high school students to help ensure their future financial success; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania understands that financial literacy is a lifelong endeavor and that working together to support financial literacy efforts through programs, education, and outreach leads to a stronger Commonwealth for all.

THEREFORE, I, Josh Shapiro, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim April 2026 as

### FINANCIAL LITERACY MONTH

in special recognition of the affordable, accessible, high-quality educational resources that support financial literacy. I encourage all Pennsylvanians to seek ways to improve their financial knowledge today, so they can enjoy a more prosperous tomorrow.



GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, on this eighteenth day of March two thousand twenty-six, the year of the Commonwealth the two hundred fiftieth.

Governor Josh Shapiro