

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, as Vermont citizens increase their personal finance knowledge and skills, the financial well-being of the individual and the State will improve; and

WHEREAS, as Vermont citizens improve their financial literacy they will be better equipped to effectively manage their finances in an increasingly complex financial world; and

WHEREAS, national research continues to highlight points of concern for how Americans manage personal debt, retirement savings, and daily budgetary challenges; and

WHEREAS, it is important for both adults and youth to demonstrate proficiency in personal financial management; and

WHEREAS, the activities and efforts of organizations such as the Vermont Jump\$tart Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy and its volunteers, who come from business, government, and education sectors, should be recognized and supported; and

WHEREAS, national observances such as the April 11, 2016 National Teach Children to Save Day promote the importance of teaching our youth about saving for the future; and

WHEREAS, the designation of Financial Literacy Month will help raise public awareness about the importance of financial education in Vermont;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim **April 2016** as

FINANCIAL LITERACY MONTH

in Vermont and urge all Vermonters to encourage and support the efforts of our youth and the organizations serving them to become financially educated.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 7th day of April, A.D. 2016



A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'P' followed by a long horizontal line.

Peter Shumlin
Governor