WHEREAS, financial literacy is essential to ensure that all Mainers are equipped to more effectively manage money, credit, debt, and investments; and

WHEREAS, financial literacy is a core component to the economic success and long-term well-being of the State of Maine; and

WHEREAS, by increasing overall financial literacy in Maine, we can improve the quality of life of our residents, provide them with the skills necessary to make informed financial decisions, as well as improve the economy of this state; and

WHEREAS, the Institute for Financial Literacy continues to work with organizations and residents across the state to improve financial literacy in Maine,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Paul R. LePage, the Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim April 2012 as

FINANCIAL LITERACY MONTH

throughout the State of Maine, and urge all citizens to establish and pursue sound financial habits and to help raise public awareness about the need for increased financial literacy education.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed GIVEN under my hand at Augusta this second day of March Two Thousand Twelve.

Paul R. LePage
Governor

Charles E. Summers, Jr.
Secretary of State
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