



**RICK SCOTT**  
GOVERNOR

***FINANCIAL LITERACY MONTH***

**WHEREAS**, it is essential that the people of Florida be financially literate in order to make informed and responsible decisions regarding savings, purchases, credit, and debt; and

**WHEREAS**; only 9 percent of teens say they are saving part of their income for college tuition; and

**WHEREAS**, the proportion of adults who agree that they could benefit from advice and answers to everyday financial questions from a professional is 73 percent; and

**WHEREAS**, 32 percent of adults are worried that they do not have sufficient retirement savings; and

**WHEREAS**, college graduates have an average of over \$28,000 in student loan debt; and

**WHEREAS**, public, consumer, community-based, and private sector organizations throughout Florida, including Florida Council on Economic Education, Florida Prosperity Partnership, and Florida Jump\$tart Coalition, are working to educate the public on personal finance issues and increase financial literacy for Floridians of all ages; and

**WHEREAS**, acquisition of financial literacy skills by citizens will improve the quality of their lives, will provide them with skills for success, will contribute to positive changes in the communities in which they live and work, and will benefit the economy of this state;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing April 2016 as *Financial Literacy Month*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 25th day of April, in the year two thousand sixteen.

  
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Governor