



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, personal financial education is essential for ensuring that the people of Tennessee are prepared to wisely and responsibly manage their finances; and

**WHEREAS**, a personal finance course is required for students graduating high school in Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, people face difficulties in wisely and effectively using consumer credit, leading to the establishment of poor financial management habits; and

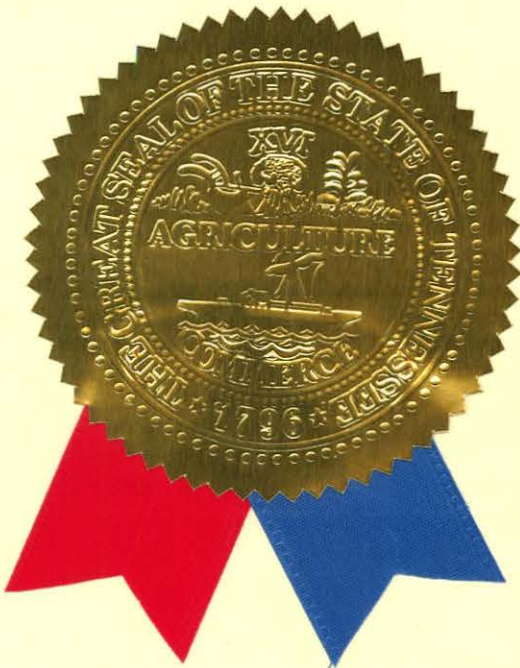
**WHEREAS**, Tennessee Jump\$tart, a coalition for personal financial literacy, comprised of government agencies, financial institutions, non-profits, and educators is dedicated to improving personal financial literacy by promoting the teaching of personal financial concepts in kindergarten through post-secondary classrooms throughout the state; and

**WHEREAS**, acquisition of financial literacy skills by Tennesseans 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, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2014 as

## *Financial Literacy Month*

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this tenth day of January, 2014.

Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of the Secretary of State in blue ink.

Secretary of State