STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Financial capability is the capacity, based on knowledge, confidence, skills, and access, to make informed decisions and manage financial resources effectively; and

WHEREAS: Promoting financial capability contributes to economic stability, reduces financial vulnerability and stress, and fosters a more prosperous society; and

WHEREAS: Financial capability education must be established and maintained in our schools, as it plays a critical role in preparing and empowering individuals of all ages and backgrounds with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to navigate complex financial systems, protect against financial fraud, and build a secure financial future; and

WHEREAS: Financial capability education in our schools depends on K–12 educators equipped with high-quality training and resources to ensure students have equitable access to lessons that develop the skills necessary to make informed financial decisions; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota recognizes the importance of fostering a culture of financial capability and resilience among its citizens, which contributes to the overall economic stability, growth, and prosperity of our state, and is committed to that effort; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota encourages government officials, educators, businesses, nonprofit organizations, and community leaders to join in promoting financial capability initiatives throughout the state. Let us work together to provide access to resources, tools, and educational opportunities that empower individuals of all ages to achieve financial well-being.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim April 2024 as:

FINANCIAL CAPABILITY MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 2nd day of April.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE