Financial Literacy Month

April 2009

A PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WHEREAS, financial literacy and education are critical to enabling District residents to achieve their personal financial goals by establishing and maintaining healthy financial habits to improve their quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking collaborates with other District government agencies and nonprofits as proponents of financial literacy education; and

WHEREAS, during the month of April, city agencies, consumer groups and the money management industry seek to improve the financial literacy of District residents through the formation of the District's Financial Council, as well as hosting several educational programs and counseling at libraries, schools, community centers, aimed at motivating residents to take control of their finances to reduce debt, increase savings, protect themselves against financial fraud and build wealth:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, do hereby proclaim April 2009, as **"FINANCIAL LITERACY MONTH"** in the District of Columbia and encourage all residents to engage in programs and activities to increase their understanding of financial matters.

Adrian M. Fenty
Mayor, District of Columbia