

## Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

## CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER MONTH MARCH 2009

WHEREAS,

The Capital Region of the Association of Government Accountants is a professional organization, part of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) which has a network of 15,000 members in 89 chapters in the United States and around the world and approximately 2,800 active members representing state, federal, municipal and private sector accountants, auditors, and financial managers in the Capital Region; and

WHEREAS,

AGA has responded to AGA's mission of Advancing Government Accountability, as it continues its broad educational efforts, with emphasis high standards of conduct, honor, and character in its Code of Ethics, and are making significant advances both in professional ability and in service to the citizens of the Capital Region, (which consists of the DC, Northern Virginia and Montgomery/Prince Georges Chapters) by mastering increasingly technical and complex requirements; and

WHEREAS,

The Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) program of AGA provides a means of demonstrating professionalism and competency by requiring CGFM candidates to have appropriate educational and employment history, to abide by AGA's Code of Ethics and to pass a 3-part examination requiring expertise in Governmental Environment, Governmental Financial Management and Control, and Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting, and requires each CGFM holder to maintain certification by completing at least 80 hours of continuing professional education in government financial management topics or related technical subjects every two years; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARTIN O'MALLEY, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim MARCH 2009 as CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER MONTH in Maryland, and do commend this celebration to all four citizens.

Civen Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,

this **1st** Two Thousand of March

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