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GOVERNOR PROCLAIMS APRIL “FINANCIAL LITERACY MONTH”

Department of Finance Offers Personal Finance Tips, Education

Boise, Idaho... Governor Dirk Kempthorne has once again designated the month of April as Financial Literacy Month in Idaho. According to Gavin Gee, Director of the Idaho Department of Finance, the designation is intended to raise public awareness about the need for financial education. “Throughout April, the Department will be highlighting important consumer and investor issues,” Gee said. “Along with our public and private sector partners in financial literacy education, the Department will hold educational forums, visit schools and issue press releases focused on personal financial education for youth and adults.”

The first in the Department’s series of educational articles is “Your Credit Worthiness: What Makes You a Good Credit Risk”. Understanding how credit reports and credit scores work can give consumers the tools to improve their credit worthiness. It can also help teens and young adults avoid damaging their credit history – a mistake that may prevent them from getting credit at a reasonable cost when it comes time to buy a car or home.

A copy of “**Your Credit Worthiness: What Makes You a Good Credit Risk**” is enclosed. This article and more information on credit worthiness can be obtained by visiting the Department’s website at finance.idaho.gov or calling the Department at (208) 332-8002 or toll

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free within Idaho at 888-346-3378. Speakers can be scheduled for any class or organization interested in learning more about personal finance topics by contacting the Department.

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