

STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the economic progress of our country is dependent upon the financial well-being of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, citizens have many choices on how they may manage their financial affairs, making it important that they educate themselves on the best options available; and

WHEREAS, becoming financially literate can be a long-term process that demands much discipline and intuition. Therefore, many people find it helpful to seek assistance outside of their own home; and

WHEREAS, educational and financial institutions, government entities and community-based organizations can work together to help consumers make informed choices about their personal finances; and

WHEREAS, improved financial literacy results in a higher standard of living for individuals, and greater community stability;

THEREFORE, I, Rod Blagojevich, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim May 23 – 28, 2005 as **MONEY SMART WEEK** in Illinois, and encourage all citizens to make an effort to increase their financial literacy.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.

*Done at the Capitol, in the City of Springfield,
this TWENTY-FOURTH day of FEBRUARY, in
the Year of Our Lord two thousand and
FIVE, and of the State of Illinois
the one hundred and EIGHTY-SEVENTH*



Debbie White
SECRETARY OF STATE

Rod Blagojevich
GOVERNOR