

DENVER CITY COUNCIL



Proclamation No. 26-0481 Recognizing April as Financial Literacy Month

WHEREAS financial literacy is a critical life skill that strengthens individuals, families, and communities by supporting informed decision-making about earning, saving, budgeting, credit, and investing; and

WHEREAS the month of April is recognized as Financial Literacy Month, a time to raise awareness of the importance of financial education and to encourage practical learning that supports long-term stability, mobility, and opportunity; and

WHEREAS early, age-appropriate financial education helps children build positive money habits, confidence, and goal-setting skills, while reducing future risks related to high-cost debt, fraud, and financial insecurity; and

WHEREAS the Global Children Financial Literacy Foundation (GCFLF) expands access to children's financial education through resources, partnerships, and community engagement designed to meet children where they are and empower them for the future; and

WHEREAS GCFLF was founded by Prince Dykes and Chadrick Davis, retired United States Navy veterans, whose service, leadership, and commitment to community have helped elevate the importance of children's financial education in Denver and beyond; and

WHEREAS Prince Dykes is also the founder of the Registered Investment Advisory firm Royal Financial Investment Group, further demonstrating his longstanding dedication to financial literacy, empowerment, and responsible wealth-building; and

WHEREAS for more than ten years, GCFLF has advanced children's financial literacy throughout the Country and City of Denver through engaging, youth-centered instruction, including the "Wesley Learns" children's financial literacy book series, related cartoons, media, and in-person classes; and

WHEREAS GCFLF promotes long-term opportunity by encouraging families and communities to invest in children's futures, including through custodial investment accounts for kids that support long-term saving and investing, including investments in broad-market funds that track the S&P 500; and

WHEREAS GCFLF has helped expand these opportunities by awarding investment accounts to children in Denver and across the nation, reinforcing the message that every child can learn, plan, and build toward a stronger financial future; and

WHEREAS the Start Smart Summer Kickoff on May 30, 2026, will bring together youth, families, educators, and community partners to raise awareness and provide hands-on learning opportunities, resources, and activities that promote real-world financial skills and long-term empowerment.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE DENVER CITY COUNCIL:

Section 1. That the Denver City Council recognizes the Global Children Financial Literacy Foundation and its founders, Prince Dykes and Chadrick Davis, for their service and sustained commitment to advancing children's financial literacy in Denver and beyond.

Section 2. That the Clerk and Recorder of the City and County of Denver shall affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation, and that a copy be transmitted to Prince Dykes and Chadrick Davis.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL APRIL 6, 2026

Signed by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amanda P. Sandoval".

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PRESIDENT

