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Proclamation

WHEREAS: it is a privilege to join with the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) to recognize the contributions of capable and efficient government accountability professionals who are dedicated to sound financial management practices and the wise use of public funds and economic resources, and

WHEREAS: the Greater Lansing Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) is a professional organization, part of the Association of Government Accountants which has a network of 15,000 members in 97 chapters in the United States and around the world and approximately 149 active members in Lansing, Michigan representing state, federal, municipal and private sector accountants, auditors, and financial managers in Michigan, and

WHEREAS: AGA Greater Chapter members have responded to AGA's mission of Advancing Government Accountability, as it continues its broad educational efforts, with emphasis on high standards of conduct, honor, and character in its Code of Ethics, and are making significant advances both in professional ability and in service of the citizens of Michigan by mastering increasingly technical and complex requirements, and

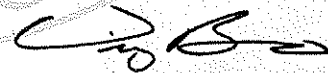
WHEREAS: the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) program of AGA provides the means of demonstrating professionalism and competency by requiring CGFM candidates to have appropriate educational and employment history, to abide by AGA's Code of Ethics and to pass three examinations requiring expertise in Governmental Environment, Government 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, VIRG BERNERO, Mayor of the City of Lansing, by the power vested in me do hereby proclaim the month of March 2009 as

"Certified Government Financial Manager Month"

in Lansing. I urge all citizens to join with me in recognizing the many professionals who provide these vital services to our community.

Given under my hand and seal this first day of March in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and nine.



**Virg Bernero
Mayor of Lansing**

