

STATE OF ILLINOIS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Chicago and Quad Cities Chapters of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) is a professional organization, belonging to the Association of Government Accountants, which has more than 15,000 members in 90 chapters throughout the United States and around the world; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 210 active members representing state, federal, municipal and private sector accountants, auditors, and financial managers in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, AGA Chicago and Quad Cities Chapter members have responded to AGA's mission of Advancing Government Accountability, as it continues its broad education efforts with emphasis on high standards of conduct, honor, and character in its Code of Ethics; and

WHEREAS, the AGA Chicago and Quad Cities chapter are making significant advances both in professional ability and in service to the citizens of Illinois 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 and to pass a 3-part examination requiring expertise in the Government Environment, Governmental Financial Management and Control, and Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting, and requires each CGFM holder to maintain certification by completing comprehensive training sessions totaling 80 hours over a 2-year period;

THEREFORE, I, Rod R. Blagojevich, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim April 2006 as **CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER MONTH** in Illinois, and encourage all citizens to recognize the hard work put forth by financial managers in our communities.

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 THIRTEENTH day of APRIL, in
the Year of Our Lord two thousand and
SIX, and of the State of Illinois
the one hundred and EIGHTY-EIGHTH



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SECRETARY OF STATE

Paul Blagojevich
GOVERNOR