

PROCLAMATION

The City of Philadelphia has great appreciation for the unique challenges and dedication required of all government entities to ensure the smooth operation of an often complex and complicated bureaucracy. It is vital that all government employees are properly trained to ensure their agencies maintain a transparent and accountable operation and keep the trust of the public. Regarding financial managers, the City of Philadelphia greatly salutes their work to ensure the financial health of government agencies, which has a direct impact on the stability and strength of the local economy.

The Association of Government Accountants (AGA) works to ensure that these highly skilled individuals are properly supported and educated to perform at their highest level for the good of the public. With a network of more than 15,000 members in the United States and around the world, the highly talented AGA membership works for federal, state, and local governments as well as the private sector. The Philadelphia Chapter of the AGA is one of 101 affiliate chapters in the organization.

AGA is the foremost member organization that supports government financial management professionals. The agency provides training, events, professional certification, publications, and ongoing education for its members to help them build their skills and advance their careers. AGA has a commitment to increasing government accountability and transparency and, as such, has been instrumental in assisting with the development of accounting and auditing standards and in generating new concepts for the effective organization and administration of government financial management.

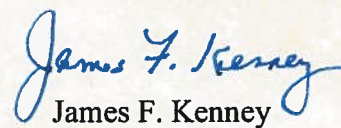
The Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) Program of the AGA provides a means of demonstrating professionalism and competency by requiring CGFM candidates to have appropriate education and experience, to abide by AGA's Code of Ethics, and to pass three examinations requiring expertise in Governmental Environment, Governmental Financial Management and Control, Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting, and Budgeting. The AGA requires each CGFM 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.

THEREFORE...

I, James F. Kenney, Mayor of the City of Philadelphia, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2018 to be

CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER MONTH

and commend the Association of Government Accountants for their efforts to ensure that the educational standards and qualifications for the certification of Government Financial Managers are maintained at the highest caliber so these outstanding professionals are best prepared to serve our City and residents around the world.


James F. Kenney
Mayor

Given under my hand and the seal
of the City of Philadelphia on this
first day of March, two thousand
and eighteen

