



A Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Association for Government Accountants (AGA) is a professional organization with a network of 15,000 members in the United States and around the world representing state, federal, local and private sector government accountability professionals; and

WHEREAS, AGA members have responded to the 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 to the citizens by mastering increasingly technical and complex requirements; and

WHEREAS, AGA provides a means of demonstrating professionalism and competence by requiring Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) candidates to have appropriate educational and employment history, to abide by AGA's Code of Ethics and to pass an examination requiring expertise in Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting. Each CGFM is required 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; and

WHEREAS, the CGFM designation has become the standard by which government financial management professionals are measured and more than 16,000 individuals have received the designation. The education, experience and ethics requirements have served to elevate the most seasoned financial professionals who possess the knowledge and skills necessary to meet the unique challenges faced by state and local governments, including Prince George's County.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RUSHERN L. BAKER, III, COUNTY EXECUTIVE FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY do hereby recognize and proclaim March 2014, as the Association for Government Accountants Month in Prince George's County. **FURTHER**, I encourage accountants locally, nationally and globally to recognize their strength and power to achieve their dreams, goals and visions.



COUNTY EXECUTIVE