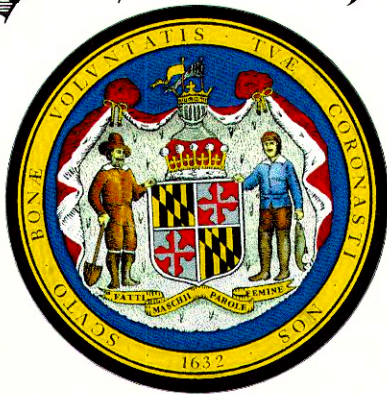


The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER MONTH MARCH 2016

- WHEREAS,** *The Association of Government Accountants is a professional organization with a network of more than 14,000 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 AGA's mission of Advancing Government Accountability, as it continues its broad educational efforts, with emphasis 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,** *The Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) Program has become the standard by which government financial management professionals are measured. Its education, experience and ethics requirements have served to elevate the most seasoned financial professionals; 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, to abide by AGA's Code of Ethics and to pass a 3-part examination requiring expertise in Governmental Environment, Governmental Financial Management and Control, and Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting, and 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. Maryland has the second highest number of CGFMSs by state.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim MARCH 2016 as CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER MONTH in Maryland, and do commend this observance to all of our citizens.

*Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
this 1st day of March
Two Thousand*

and sixteen

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor

Robert K. Lathrop
Lt. Governor

John C. Womack
Secretary of State

