PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF THE **AUDITOR GENERAL**









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Auditor General DeFoor, Rep. Hill-Evans Celebrate Start of Financial Literacy Month with **Local Partners**

HARRISBURG, PA - Auditor General Timothy L. DeFoor today joined Representative Carol Hill-Evans (D-York), Ryan Unger from the Harrisburg Chamber & CREDC, and Alex Halper from the PA Chamber of Business and Industry to recognize April as Financial Literacy Month in Pennsylvania. Representative Hill-Evans' resolution, H.R. 120, is being considered by the House Finance Committee.

"Financial literacy is an important life skill that every person needs to learn to set themselves up for future success," Auditor General DeFoor said. "I'd like to thank Representative Hill-Evans for being an advocate and recognizing the importance of financial literacy through her resolution declaring that April is Financial Literacy Month in the commonwealth. By continuing to work together, we are one step closer to making Pennsylvania more financially secure."

National Financial Literacy Month is celebrated each year in April and was created to emphasize the importance of being financially literate and encourage people to learn about the ways they can become financially smart. Throughout the month, Auditor General DeFoor will be traveling across Pennsylvania to highlight the need for financial literacy education for everyone and promote resources that everyone can use to help them become financially secure.

DeFoor has spent nearly four years promoting financial literacy across the state as part of his 'Be Money Smart' initiative. Since the launch in 2021, DeFoor has:

- Partnered with Harrisburg University of Science and Technology and Members 1st Federal Credit Union to coordinate a <u>statewide financial literacy competition</u> for high school students;
- Met with teachers and students in high school classrooms across Pennsylvania in recognition of successful financial literacy learning opportunities;
- Visited all state and state related universities in Pennsylvania, as well as community colleges, to talk about job and internship opportunities within the department and the importance of knowing how your money works;
- Moderated financial literacy panels for community organizations, the agriculture industry and local chambers of commerce;
- Partnered with the <u>Pennsylvania Library Association</u> to highlight free financial literacy resources and the PA Forward program;
- <u>Visited YMCAs</u> across the Commonwealth to talk about financial literacy for all ages;

- Worked with <u>Junior Achievement</u> to emphasize financial literacy messages to elementary school students and participated in multiple BizTown simulations; and
- Partnered with CrossState Credit Union Association and other credit unions and financial institutions across the state to promote free financial literacy resources, including hosting 'Money \$mart Mondays' with PSECU.

For more information on the Department of the Auditor General's financial literacy efforts, visit www.PaAuditor.gov/BeMoneySmart

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