## Mecklenburg County North Carolina Proclamation

WHEREAS, financial literacy education is the gateway to economic self-sufficiency for all people living in poverty; and

WHEREAS, financial literacy is essential to ensure that all citizens are prepared to make informed financial decisions; and

WHEREAS, financial literacy empowers limited-resource individuals to take control of their finances and reach self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, people who are exposed to financial literacy throughout the life cycle are more successful in managing their consumer credit endeavors and developing better money management habits; and

WHEREAS, economic empowerment, economic self-sufficiency and economic self-efficacy are all directly linked to financial literacy; and

WHEREAS, a robust coalition of nonprofit financial literacy education organizations can provide citizens with skills for financial success, which will improve the quality of lives and strengthen the economy in Mecklenburg County; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED** that the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners does hereby proclaim April 2013 as

## "FINANCIAL LITERACY MONTH"

in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, and join fellow Mecklenburg County residents in proactively seeking a greater knowledge of the resources, practices and instruments that can lead to a life of financial independence.

This the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2013.

Pat Cotham, Chairman Board of County Commissioners