



CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER  
**JIMMY PATRONIS**  
STATE OF FLORIDA

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, a vigorous and healthy economy is fueled by the choices of financially informed consumers making educated decisions throughout their lives concerning saving, budgeting, and how to obtain and use consumer credit; and

**WHEREAS**, the practice of thrift can enhance efforts to raise financial literacy and promote economic development; and

**WHEREAS**, thrift, a once-vibrant American tradition widely celebrated in the first half of the twentieth century, proved industry, frugality, and stewardship were the antidote to the high levels of debt and the economic uncertainty currently plaguing our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, The James Madison Institute has launched a statewide movement to restore the observance of Thrift Week in Florida, during the week of January 17th, the birthday of America's foremost thrift advocate, Benjamin Franklin; and

**WHEREAS**, The James Madison Institute and teachers throughout Florida have partnered each January to distribute a supplemental curriculum, "All About the Benjamins: Understanding the Value of Thrift," to high school students; and

**WHEREAS**, through research, public education, civic action and policy reforms, all Americans -- even those of modest means -- can achieve and promote thrift as the wise use of resources leading to responsible consumerism and smart savings.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chief Financial Officer and State Fire Marshal of the State of Florida does hereby proclaim January 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025, as

**FLORIDA THRIFT WEEK**

in the State of Florida and encourage all Floridians to learn and implement the values of thrift and savings as steps to enhance wealth building.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF** the Chief Financial Officer of the State of Florida has hereunto subscribed his name on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 2025.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jimmy Patronis".

**JIMMY PATRONIS**  
**CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**  
**STATE FIRE MARSHAL**