



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the capital markets play a vital role in the economic development of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas by facilitating access to capital for business growth and expansion in both the public and private sectors, while providing citizens with opportunities to invest, preserve wealth, and build long-term financial security;

AND WHEREAS, sound financial practices, including budgeting, saving, responsible debt management, and investing, are essential to the financial well-being and economic resilience of individuals, families, and communities throughout The Bahamas;

AND WHEREAS, financial and investor education empowers Bahamians to make informed financial decisions, safeguard themselves against fraud and financial scams, invest responsibly for the future, and prepare effectively for retirement;

AND WHEREAS, the responsible use of financial technology (FinTech), including innovative digital payment systems such as the **Sand Dollar**, contributes to greater financial inclusion and broader access to financial services;

AND WHEREAS, sustainable investment practices support long-term economic growth while helping to mitigate the social and environmental impacts of climate change;

AND WHEREAS, the **Securities Commission of The Bahamas**, a statutory body established to regulate and oversee the capital markets, is also mandated to promote investor education and foster conditions that encourage sustainable market growth and national economic development;

AND WHEREAS, the Securities Commission of The Bahamas participates in the **World Investor Week** campaign, an initiative of the **International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO)**, to promote investor education and protection through a series of public awareness and educational activities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip E. Davis, Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, do hereby proclaim the month of **October 2026** as "**Investor Education Month**" in the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, and encourage all citizens and residents to participate in activities that promote financial literacy, investor awareness, responsible investing, and sound financial decision-making.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have

Hereunto set my Hand and Seal

This 12th day of August, 2026.



PHILIP E. DAVIS
PRIME MINISTER