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## **Governor Corzine Declares January Financial Literacy Month in New Jersey State's CPA Society Offers a Variety of Public Resources**

ROSELAND, NJ – Financial illiteracy is a national crisis. Americans spend \$1.22 for every \$1.00 they earn. An ominously growing trend, more than two million Americans filed for bankruptcy in 2005. And credit card debt is another cause for concern. Americans have an average credit card balance of about \$8,000, and 10 percent of all cardholders have balances of \$10,000 or more. It's clear: Americans need more and better financial education.

[The New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants \(NJSCPA\)](#) is undertaking a major effort to meet the needs of Garden State residents with information about managing their personal finances more effectively. To help support the initiative, Governor Jon Corzine has proclaimed January 2007 as Financial Literacy Month. [\[View proclamation\]](#)

A cornerstone of this effort, NJSCPA seminars held during January and beyond are open to the public. January's schedule is:

- January 4 "Budgeting and Managing Debt" Roseland 6:30 p.m.
- January 10 "What You Need to Know About Home Ownership" Roseland 6:30 p.m.
- January 17 "The Ins and Outs of Insurance" Roseland 6:30 p.m.
- January 27 "Do It Herself: A Journey to Financial Freedom" Madison 9 a.m.

The NJSCPA also provides the public free access to valuable consumer information and special resources at its [MoneyMattersNJ.com](http://MoneyMattersNJ.com) website. There, people will find facts, practical insight and useful tips conveniently organized in categories that match today's lifestyles. Visitors can subscribe to *Your Money Matters*, a free monthly e-newsletter, packed with up-to-the-minute news and information.

The MoneyMattersNJ.com website also provides a jumping off point for even more special services, including Find-A-CPA, to help people locate a CPA based on location, firm size and even languages spoken; and the New Jersey CPA Help Center that offers free assistance to New Jersey residents in crisis.

To keep people aware of financial literacy 365 days a year, the Society is offering a handy *2007 Financial Fitness* calendar. Monthly topics are highlighted, including "Savvy Strategies for Tax Refunds," "Improving Your Credit Score," "Estate Planning" and others. To receive a complimentary copy of this full-color calendar or to register for one of our seminars, please visit [www.MoneyMattersNJ.com](http://www.MoneyMattersNJ.com)

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*leadership role in supporting the profession by providing members with educational resources, access to shared knowledge and a continuing effort to create and expand professional opportunities.*

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