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DFI Supports “Get Smart About Your Money” Campaign

***Joins Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council and St. Croix Tribe
to Promote Financial Literacy in Fun, Free Workshops***

(Madison) Secretary Peter Bildsten of the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions (DFI) said today he encouraged participation in the “Get Smart About Your Money” campaign sponsored by the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council and St. Croix Tribe.

The initiative offers free financial education sessions that are open to the public at several locations during June, July and August. The workshops will focus on spending, saving, financial institutions, getting credit and improving one’s credit score. Each session includes refreshments, raffles and door prizes.

“I urge everyone to take advantage of these excellent learning opportunities,” said Secretary Bildsten. “Building your money skills increases your opportunities for financial success and reduces your chances for mistakes. The programs are a lot of fun in addition to being great resources.”

The workshops are offered in three-day clusters and include the following subjects by day.

- Day 1 Spending
- Day 2 Savings and Financial Institutions
- Day 3 Getting Credit, Improving Your Score

Participants may choose either an afternoon session from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. or an evening session from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Dates and workshop locations are:

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| Round Lake Community Center | June 13, 14, 15 (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday) |
| Sand Lake Community Center | July 5, 6, 7 (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday) |
| Maple Plains Community Center | July 19, 20, 21 (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday) |
| Danbury Community Center | August 2, 3, 4 (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday) |

For more information contact Jan Anderson, Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, Inc. at 800-472-7207. Or contact the St. Croix Tribal Honoring Our Children/Honoring Our Families Program by calling Velma Broome at 715-349-8554, Extension 5121 or Kathy Dittmar at 715-349-8554 Extension 5268.