

FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON
PROCLAMATION NO. 2010-014

Proclaiming the Last Friday of January 2010 as EARNED INCOME TAX AWARENESS DAY in Multnomah County, OR

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:


- a. The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is a proven anti-poverty tool and method for raising the household income of low-income working families.
- b. Depending on household income and number of dependents, the federal EITC can be worth up to \$3,050 for families with one child and \$5,666 for families with three or more children.
- c. Qualifying taxpayers can often receive an EITC even if they owe no taxes and, for a low-income family, it can make the difference between living below the poverty threshold or living above that threshold.
- d. Overall tax returns claiming the EITC in Multnomah County increased from 2007-2008, with the number of EITC claims generated at 31 free tax preparation sites going from \$2.4 million to \$2.6 million.
- e. Multnomah County's Family Economic Security Project has developed and strengthened its relationship with IRS, CASH Oregon, and other local partners to ensure that local employers and employees are aware of the benefits of the Advance Earned Income Tax Credit program.
- f. Last year, CASH Oregon and its partner AARP Tax-Aide filed 15,000 free tax returns for tri-county with an average adjusted gross income of \$21,000/year.
- g. Multnomah County's Family Economic Security Project works to build financial assets for working individuals and families.
- h. The State of Oregon is currently considering legislation to expand Oregon's EITC program to provide a larger financial credit to working families.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

The last Friday of January 2010 as ***Earned Income Tax Credit Awareness Day*** in Multnomah County, Oregon and urges all citizens to recognize and participate in its observance.

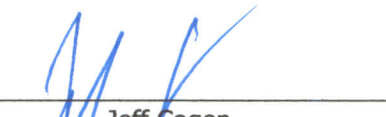
ADOPTED this 28th day of January 2010.

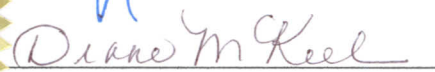
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