

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

PROCLAMATION NO. 09-015

Proclaiming the Last Friday of January, 2009 as Earned Income Tax Awareness Day in Multnomah County, Oregon

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

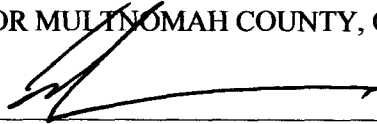
- a. The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is a proven anti-poverty tool and method for raising the household income of low-income working families;
- b. Depending on household income and number of dependents, the federal EITC can reach a maximum of \$2,917 for families with one child and \$4,824 for families with two 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 2006-07, with the number of EITC claims generated at free tax preparation sites going from \$1.6 million to over \$2.4 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. Multnomah County's Family Economic Security Project works to build financial assets for working individuals and families;
- g. 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:

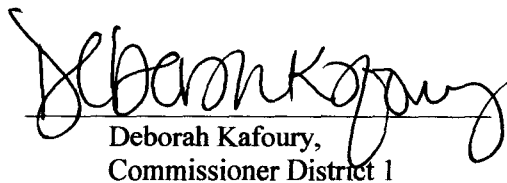
The last Friday of January, 2009 [January 30, 2009] as *Earned Income Tax Credit Awareness Day in Multnomah County, Oregon* and urge all citizens to recognize and participate in its observance.

ADOPTED this 29th day of January, 2009.

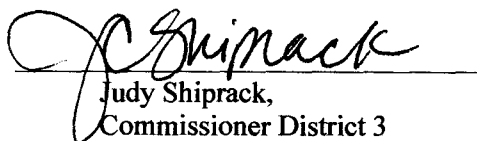
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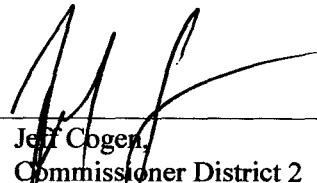
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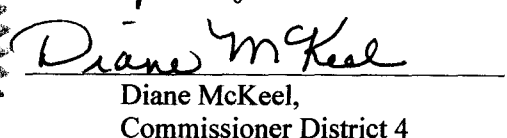
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