

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

PROCLAMATION NO. 2011-011

Proclaiming Friday, February 4, 2011 as Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) 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 be worth up \$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/yr.
- 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:

That Friday, February 4th, 2011 is ***Earned Income Tax Credit Awareness Day*** and urges all citizens to recognize and participate in its observance.

ADOPTED this 3rd day of February, 2011.



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Jeff Cogen, Chair

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