

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is one of the largest anti-poverty programs in the United States and EITC dollars have a significant impact on the lives and communities of Washington's low-income working individuals and families; and

WHEREAS, EITC reduces or eliminates the taxes that low-income working people pay and, if the credit exceeds the amount of taxes owed, a lump sum credit is paid to those who qualify; and

WHEREAS, \$847 million EITC refunds were claimed by Washingtonians in 2011 from 426,124 tax returns; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Washingtonians who are eligible for EITC may not be aware of it, leaving millions of federal tax credit dollars unclaimed;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim January 27, 2012, as

Earned Income Tax Credit Awareness Day

in Washington State, and I urge all citizens to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 4th day of January, 2012

Christine O. Gregoire
Governor Christine O. Gregoire

