

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) reduces or eliminates 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, the EITC has become one of the nation's most effective tools for lifting low-income workers and their families above the poverty line; and

WHEREAS, together, the EITC and low-income Child Tax Credit (CTC) are among the strongest tools to promote work and help workers with children escape poverty and achieve self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, 407,000 Washington residents received \$893 million in EITC refunds in 2018, for an average refund of \$2,194; and

WHEREAS, individuals can receive a tax credit of up to \$6,431 if they meet eligibility requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Internal Revenue Service estimates just four of five, or 80 percent, of eligible taxpayers claim and receive this important credit;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim January 25, 2019, as

Earned Income Tax Credit Awareness Day

in Washington, and I encourage all people in our state to join me in this special observance.



Signed this 14th day of January, 2019

Handwritten signature of Jay Inslee in blue ink.

Governor Jay Inslee