

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, 388,000 Washington residents received \$856 million in EITC refunds in 2019, for an average refund of \$2,205; and

WHEREAS, individuals can receive a tax credit of up to \$6,557 if they meet eligibility requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Internal Revenue Service estimates just four-out-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 31, 2020, 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 21st day of January, 2020

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jay Inslee".

Governor Jay Inslee