

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 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, 448,000 Washington residents received \$960 million in EITC refunds in 2014; and

WHEREAS, EITC's total economic impact of about \$1.44 billion supports jobs in Washington State; and

WHEREAS, EITC refunds help keep more than 115,000 Washingtonians, including nearly 60,000 children, above the federal poverty level; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Washington individuals and families who are eligible for EITC may not be aware of it, leaving more than \$353 million in federal tax credits unclaimed;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim January 30, 2015 as

Earned Income Tax Credit Awareness Day

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

Signed this 23rd day of January, 2015

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

Governor Jay Inslee

