



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

(Revised 12/31/09)

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Meeting Date: 2/3/11
Agenda Item #: R-3
Est. Start Time: 10:50 am approx

Agenda Title: PROCLAMATION Proclaiming Friday, February 4th, 2011 as Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Awareness Day in Multnomah County, Oregon

Note: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide a clearly written title sufficient to describe the action requested.

Requested Meeting Date: 2/3/2011 **Amount of Time Needed:** 10 minutes
Department: Non-Departmental **Division:** Chair
Contact(s): Karol Collymore
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Presenter(s): Joshua Todd and Janet Hawkins (CCFC) and Amber Earnest (IRS)

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Proclaiming the first Friday in February – February 4, 2011 - as Earned Income Tax (EITC) Awareness Day, and urging all citizens to recognize and participate in its observance.

2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.

Federal Earned Income Tax Credits are a potent anti-poverty tool. Unfortunately, many people eligible for these federal tax credits fail to claim them and the money that should be theirs goes back to the federal treasury. Multnomah County's Family Economic Security Program, which is run through our Commission on Children, Families and Community (CCFC), helps families and employers learn about ways to increase take home pay and make other smart financial choices. The program also supports free tax preparation and financial education programs in Multnomah County.

3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).

None.

4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.

None.

5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.

Earned Income Tax (EITC) Awareness Day is recognized all over the country. Multnomah

County's Family Economic Security Program works closely with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and community organizations (including CASH Oregon) on improving our citizens' access to tax credits and other financial education services. The CCFC and its Poverty Action Council provide citizen oversight to this program.

Required Signature

**Elected Official or
Department/
Agency Director:**

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Date: 1/24/11