

Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

His Excellency Governor Deval L. Patrick

Whereas In 1975 Congress enacted the Earned Income Tax Credit to offset the burden of Social Security taxes on low-income families, supplement wages and make employment more attractive than welfare; and

Whereas In 1997 the Commonwealth of Massachusetts adopted a state Earned Income Tax Credit, which is modeled after the federal Earned Income Tax Credit and provides additional support to low-income, working families; and

Whereas Since its implementation, the EITC has helped lift millions of Americans above the poverty line and has had a high participation rate relative to other programs for low-income families. However, there are still many Americans who do not realize that they qualify for the EITC or do not know how to claim it; and

Whereas Massachusetts state government is joining in partnership with municipalities, community-based organizations, educational institutions and others to promote the availability of the EITC and free tax preparation services for low-income families,

Now, Therefore, I, Deval L. Patrick, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim January 28th, 2011 to be,

EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT AWARENESS DAY

And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this nineteenth day of January, in the year two thousand and eleven, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-fourth.

By His Excellency

DEVAL L. PATRICK
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH



God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts