

**STATE OF MAINE**

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**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND AND SIXTEEN**

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**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JANUARY 29, 2016 AS  
EITC AWARENESS DAY**

**WHEREAS**, in order to promote the federal and Maine state earned income tax credit, which enhances family household budgets, we recognize January 29, 2016 as EITC Awareness Day; and

**WHEREAS**, twenty percent of people eligible for the credit fail to claim the credit, which demonstrates the importance of raising awareness of this credit and urging individuals to find out if they qualify for it; and

**WHEREAS**, since 2003, CASH Maine has educated hard-working families and individuals about programs in the community that can increase their income, reduce their debt and build their savings; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout the State, IRS-certified volunteer tax preparers who are members of CASH Maine and AARP Tax-Aide, a collaboration of 10 statewide coalitions including 50 nonprofit and for-profit partners, provide free federal and state tax preparation; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2015, these volunteers helped Maine residents save more than \$3,600,000 in tax filing fees and claim over \$5,680,000 in earned income tax credits, returning \$21,600,000 to Maine residents in federal income tax refunds; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize January 29, 2016 as EITC Awareness Day; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That we send our appreciation to all the volunteers who participate in EITC Awareness Day for the benefit of Maine citizens and we urge participation in this worthy cause.