

STATE OF MAINE

—
**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND AND THIRTEEN**
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**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JANUARY 25TH AS EITC
AWARENESS DAY**

WHEREAS, in order to promote the federal earned income tax credit, which enhances family household budgets, we recognize January 25, 2013 as EITC Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that every year 20 percent of Maine residents do not apply for the federal earned income tax credit, which demonstrates the importance of raising awareness of this credit and urging individuals to find out if they qualify for it; and

WHEREAS, throughout the State, IRS-certified volunteer tax preparers who are members of CASH Maine and AARP Tax-Aide, a collaboration of 11 statewide coalitions including 50 nonprofit and for-profit partners, provide free federal and state tax preparation; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, these volunteers helped Maine residents save more than \$1,700,000 in filing fees and claim \$5,670,000 in earned income tax credits, returning \$20,000,000 to Maine residents in federal income tax refunds; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize January 25, 2013 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.