

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING

EARN IT! KEEP IT! SAVE IT!

WHEREAS, San Mateo County residents have begun preparations to file their income tax returns between January 28 and April 17, 2012; and

WHEREAS, tax preparation assistance can help low-income families take advantage of federal tax benefits such as the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and Child Tax Credit (CTC), and receive up to \$5,751 in tax refunds – a significant amount for families struggling to make ends meet; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 7,600 taxpayers in the county who don't claim the EITC benefits they are eligible for, thus missing out on approximately \$8.45 million in EITC funds annually; and

WHEREAS, the United Way of the Bay Area, the Internal Revenue Service, and dozens of community service organizations have come together to convene San Mateo's EARN IT! KEEP IT! SAVE IT! Campaign, a public, private and non-profit collaboration seeking to increase the income and build the assets of low-income families and individuals; and

WHEREAS, EARN IT! KEEP IT! SAVE IT! San Mateo relies on volunteers trained in VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) to help low-income taxpayers fill out federal and state income tax returns; and

WHEREAS, local non-profits, schools, churches, senior centers and numerous individuals are joining the Campaign and working together to reach the 2012 goal of serving 2,000 people, adding over \$6 million to the budgets of San Mateo County's working and low-income families.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby declares full support for the EARN IT! KEEP IT! SAVE IT! San Mateo Campaign for 2012 and encourages eligible residents to visit a VITA site and receive free tax preparation assistance by calling 2-1-1 to find the site nearest them.

Dated: January 24, 2012

SUPERVISORS:

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Attest:

Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors