

**House Resolution**

**No. 33**

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**Introduced by Assembly Members Atkins and Mark Stone**

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House Resolution No. 33—Relative to the California Earned Income Tax Credit.

- 1 WHEREAS, California enacted its first ever state Earned Income  
2 Tax Credit (EITC), based on the federal EITC, last summer as part  
3 of the 2015–16 budget package; and  
4 WHEREAS, The state EITC will allow California's lowest  
5 income workers to better provide for their families by boosting  
6 their 2015 incomes by as much as \$2,653; and  
7 WHEREAS, The state EITC provides a match of up to 85  
8 percent of the federal EITC for California's lowest income workers,  
9 a match that far exceeds any other state in the nation; and  
10 WHEREAS, The state EITC, together with the federal EITC,  
11 could raise the incomes of families living in deep poverty, defined

1 as below one-half of the federal poverty line, by as much as 83  
2 percent in 2015; and

3 WHEREAS, The state EITC will build on the decades-long  
4 track record of success of the federal EITC; and

5 WHEREAS, Research shows that the federal EITC reduces  
6 poverty, encourages employment, and boosts local economies;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Research has linked the EITC to improved health  
9 for mothers and infants as well as better educational outcomes for  
10 children; and

11 WHEREAS, The success of California's EITC depends on  
12 policymakers, public agencies, and community leaders ensuring  
13 that all households that are eligible for the new credit know about  
14 it, learn about it, and claim it; and

15 WHEREAS, Over \$1.8 billion of federal EITC dollars have  
16 gone unclaimed in California each year and promoting the new  
17 state EITC will boost awareness and claims of the federal EITC,  
18 thereby returning federal dollars to California families and local  
19 economies; now, therefore, be it

20 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That January  
21 22, 2016, is California Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)  
22 Awareness Day; and be it further

23 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
24 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.