



Proclamation

By the Mayor of Prattville, Alabama

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

WHEREAS, since its enactment in 1975, the Earned Income Tax Credit has lifted millions of families above the poverty line and has had a high participation rate relative to the other programs for low-income Americans; and

WHEREAS, in most cases Earned Income Tax Credit payment will not affect certain welfare benefits, or be used to determine eligibility for Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), food stamps, low-income housing or most Temporary Assistance of Needy families (TANF) payments; and

WHEREAS, working Alabama families may be missing out on a federal refund of up to \$5,657 because they are not aware of the Earned Income Tax Credit; and

WHEREAS, up to one in four eligible taxpayers may fail to claim the credit, according to IRS estimates, because they are not aware of the Earned Income Tax Credit; and

WHEREAS, the Earned Income Tax Credit is available to taxpayers who work but don't earn high incomes and may often struggle to make ends meet. These taxpayers could be missing an opportunity to pay less federal income tax, pay no tax or receive a refund; and

WHEREAS, new parents, grandparents raising grandchildren and foster parents may not realize they qualify. Some families, such as those in the military and those raising children with disabilities, may not realize there are special rules that may help them qualify; and

WHEREAS, low-income workers without qualifying children are estimated to make up the largest segment of the taxpayers who fail to claim the Earned Income Credit; and

WHEREAS, the IRS and its partners provide tools to communities, and link financial education and other asset building efforts such as Individual Development Accounts; and

WHEREAS, employers, at no additional cost to themselves, can increase the take-home pay of their employees; and

WHEREAS, in Tax Year 2008, approximately 24 million taxpayers received over \$49 billion in Earned Income Tax Credit; and

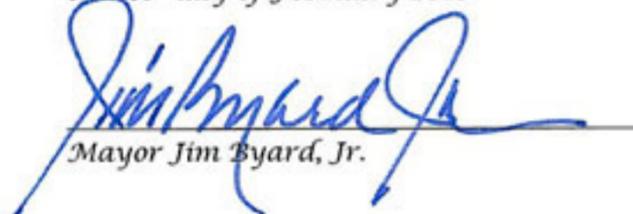
WHEREAS, the Earned Income Tax Credit increases revenue in the community and boosts the overall economy.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jim Byard, Jr., Mayor of the City of Prattville, Alabama, do hereby proclaim January 29, 2010, as

EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT AWARENESS DAY



Given Under My Hand and the
Seal of the City of Prattville on
the 1stst day of February 2010.


Mayor Jim Byard, Jr.