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1 RESOLUTION NO. RES-13-0002

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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
4 CITY OF LONG BEACH IN SUPPORT OF THE 2013 FREE  
5 INCOME TAX PREPARATION AND FAMILY SERVICES  
6 INITIATIVE

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8 WHEREAS, insufficient income contributes to many of the social and  
9 human service needs in the state of California; and

10 WHEREAS, the Federal Earned Income Tax Credit ("EITC") provides tax  
11 relief and income support to low-income working families; and

12 WHEREAS, the EITC lifts millions of individuals out of poverty each year in  
13 the United States by supporting work and self-sufficiency while reducing the need for  
14 public assistance; and

15 WHEREAS, every year the EITC helps approximately 284,000 households  
16 in California and brings more than \$347 million into California's economy; and

17 WHEREAS, every year 800,000 families who qualify for EITC fail to apply  
18 for the credit representing a loss of \$1.2 billion in increased income for local communities;  
19 and

20 WHEREAS, increasing the use of EITC by the qualified citizens of the City  
21 of Long Beach would help stimulate our local economy and increase access to millions of  
22 dollars in income; and

23 WHEREAS, every resident earning less than \$51,000 a year may qualify for  
24 \$5,891 in EITC which may be used to lower their taxes or increase their tax refund; and

25 WHEREAS, for every 1,000 residents who qualify and apply for EITC, it  
26 represents a potential \$5.8 million in economic stimulus for our community; and

27 WHEREAS, increasing EITC utilization represents a highly cost-effective  
28 economic development strategy;

1                   NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as  
2 follows:

3                   Section 1.     The City of Long Beach encourages the City Manager to  
4 identify and utilize existing and potential public/private partnerships to inform citizens  
5 about the availability of the Federal Earned Income Tax Credit and Volunteer Income Tax  
6 Assistance (“VITA”) programs.

7                   Section 2.     The City of Long Beach encourages each City entity to work  
8 in partnership with private outreach campaigns to identify and utilize existing  
9 communication mechanisms to inform their employees and citizens about the availability  
10 of the EITC and VITA programs, which may include City publications, billing notices,  
11 websites, human resource materials and communications, correspondence, and forms  
12 from the City Business Tax and Fee Department.

13                  Section 3.     The City of Long Beach hereby directs the City Manager to  
14 place a public service announcement on the City’s local cable show and to have VITA  
15 related posters and brochures at City facilities including public libraries, City Hall, and all  
16 public sites throughout the City.

17                  Section 4.     The City of Long Beach shall join the California State Board of  
18 Equalization, Franchise Tax Board, Internal Revenue Service and Jerome E. Horton,  
19 Chairman to the California State Board of Equalization, in advocating the Earned Income  
20 Tax Credit and the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Programs to qualified families and  
21 individuals.

22                  Section 5.     This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption  
23 by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of January 8, 2013, by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Garcia, Lowenthal, O'Donnell, Schipske, Andrews, Johnson, Austin, Neal.

Noes: Councilmembers: None.

Absent: Councilmembers: DeLong.

  
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