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## IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

**RESOLUTION NO. 02-17-28-**

IN THE MATTER OF SUPPORTING INCREASING OREGON EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT (EITC)

WHEREAS, more than 21,000 Lane County taxpayers rely upon the federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and would benefit from a proposed expansion of the Oregon state EITC which would bring over \$4 million a year into the Lane County economy; and

WHEREAS, increasing the State EITC from 6% to 18% of the federal credit would supplement the average EIC household earnings by \$180 annually (\$480 for a family of four at the poverty line; and

WHEREAS, increasing the EITC is a targeted and effective way to make Oregon's tax system fairer for low and moderate-income families; and

WHEREAS, nearly all the benefit of the EITC goes to working families with children and investing in these children is in Oregon's long-term interest; and

WHEREAS, Oregonians for Working Families is a coalition of more than 50 organizations working to expand the state EITC.

**NOW THEREFORE,** be it resolved that the Lane County Board of Commissioners endorses the effort by Oregonians for Working Families to expand the EITC and agrees to allow Oregonians for Working Families to publicly list the Board as a supporter,

AND THEREFORE, be it further resolved that immediately after the 2009 session of the Legislature convenes, the Lane County Board of Commissioners shall send a letter to the Governor and all legislators representing residents of Lane County asking each of them to support this important legislation.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of February, 2009.

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Pete Sorenson, Chair Lane County Board of Commissioners

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