



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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Expressing Support for the United Way of Central Ohio's 'Tax Time' program and the Federal Earned Income Tax Credit

**WHEREAS**, the United Way of Central Ohio partnered with Columbus City Council, Franklin County commissioners, and Chase Bank to launch the Franklin County Earned Income Tax Credit Coalition-now called Tax Time-in October 2006 as a network of nonprofit, business, and government organizations that work to provide free, high-quality tax assistance to low and moderate-income households; and

**WHEREAS**, the Earned Income Tax Credit is a refundable tax credit, designed to supplement wages and reward work, which helps bridge the gap between what people earn and what they need to support their household; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Time program, over the last ten tax seasons, has leveraged the benefits provided by the Earned Income Tax Credit for individuals, families, and communities in Columbus by serving almost 90,000 clients, securing over \$94 million in refunds, and saving clients nearly \$20 million in fees; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Time program works collaboratively to maximize community resources that promote economic self-sufficiency by connecting people to a network of services, including financial education opportunities that help them plan for their future; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the United Way of Central Ohio, the Tax Time program has grown to include AARP, HandsOn Central Ohio, Legal Aid Society of Columbus, and The Ohio Benefit Bank as lead partners; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:** That this Council does hereby express its support and appreciation for the 'Tax Time' program and the Earned Income Tax Credit which helps hardworking Columbus citizens to accurately meet their tax obligations while supporting economic opportunity.