

**IN SUPPORT OF THE MARIN CAMPAIGN
EARN IT! KEEP IT! SAVE IT!
INCREASED ACCESS TO EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT**

WHEREAS, Marin residents have begun preparations to file their income tax returns between January 31 and April 17 2007; and

WHEREAS, tax preparation assistance can help low-income families take advantage of federal tax benefits such as the Earned Income Tax Credit ("EITC") and Child Tax Credit ("CTC"), and receive up to \$4,536 in tax refunds – a significant amount for families struggling to make ends meet; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 2.5 million dollars in EITC dollars alone go unclaimed by Marin County residents each year; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the significant loss of millions of dollars of tax benefits to the county's low-income families can affect their economic security, the United Way of the Bay Area, the Internal Revenue Service, Fairfax/San Anselmo Children's Center, Marin City Community Development Corporation, Legal Aid of Marin and numerous other community based organizations have come together to convene Marin's Earn It! Keep It! Save It! Campaign, a public, private and non-profit collaboration that seeks to increase the income and build the assets of low-income families and individuals in the county; and

WHEREAS, the Marin Earn It! Keep It! Save It! Campaign's goal is to increase the claiming of EITC, CTC and other state and federal tax credits through free tax preparation assistance, as well as to link low-income families and individuals to financial education, asset development opportunities and other public benefit programs; and

WHEREAS, the United Way of the Bay Area, the Internal Revenue Service and the many public agencies, community based agencies and corporate partners comprising the Earn It! Keep It! Save It! Campaign are working together to reach the 2007 goal of adding \$800,000 to the household income of Marin's low-income working families.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin hereby declares its full support for Earn It! Keep It! Save It! Marin Campaign for 2007, encourages eligible residents to visit a VITA site to obtain free tax preparation assistance and calls upon all Marin County cities to support the initiative and promote this opportunity among their residents.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held this 13th day of March, 2007.