

Introduced by the Human Services Committee of the:

INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE STATE OF MICHIGAN TO
PRESERVE THE STATE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT**

RESOLUTION #11-073

WHEREAS, on September 22, 2006, PA 372 created a state Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) for Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the state EITC complements the federal EITC, which was signed into law by President Gerald Ford and referred to by President Ronald Reagan as the best anti-poverty, best pro-family, best job creation measure ever to come out of Congress; and

WHEREAS, this tax credit helps working families keep more of their paycheck by rewarding work, supplementing low wages, and helping a segment of the State's population that has not benefited from other recent tax measures; and

WHEREAS, the tax credit put money into the pockets of 782,000 working families in Michigan in tax year 2009; and

WHEREAS, in Ingham County, an estimated 21,047 families in tax year 2009 were eligible for the credit, amounting to an approximate \$9,090,467 added to the County economy; and

WHEREAS, elimination of the state EITC would effectively result in a tax increase on people of modest means and as a result would cost Michigan jobs, force families into foreclosure, and increase the number of people relying on more expensive government programs.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners calls on the legislature of the State of Michigan to continue this successful anti-poverty tool that helps low- and moderate-income families and small businesses in Michigan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk shall send copies of this resolution to Governor Rick Snyder, the Ingham County State Legislative Delegation, and the Michigan Association of Counties.

HUMAN SERVICES: Yeas: Tennis, McGrain, Koenig, Nolan
Nays: Vickers, Dougan **Absent:** None **Approved 2/28/11**