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BOE Celebrates Earned Income Tax Credit Awareness Day Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Events Statewide Help Taxpayers Claim Credit

Sacramento – The Board of Equalization encourages all qualifying Californians who need help with their income tax preparation to attend a FREE Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program event as the nation celebrates Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Awareness Day.

EITC Awareness Day is a national grassroots effort to raise awareness of this refundable federal tax credit. Unfortunately, many individuals and families are unaware that they may qualify for this credit that could put money in their pockets.

The federal government is offering up to \$5,891 in EITC to households earning less than \$50,270 annually. Free VITA events throughout California help qualified taxpayers receive much-needed federal and state tax credits. Every year, VITA volunteers who have been trained and certified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) offer free tax filing assistance for individuals and families that qualify based on their income levels. Some locations offer assistance in Spanish, Chinese, and Vietnamese.

To find the nearest VITA event, visit the IRS website www.irs.gov/Individuals/Find-a-Location-for-Free-Tax-Prep.

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The five-member California State Board of Equalization (BOE) is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects more than \$53.7 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit www.taxes.ca.gov.

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