

A RESOLUTION **2006R-03-02-026Z**

DECLARING THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO'S SUPPORT OF THE VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SAN ANTONIO COALITION FOR FAMILY ECONOMIC PROGRESS, WHICH PROVIDES FREE INCOME TAX PREPARATION SERVICES.

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WHEREAS, the City established the local Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program to enable the City to provide free tax preparation services for the community; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Antonio has partnered with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), the Annie E. Casey Foundation, United Way of San Antonio & Bexar County, financial institutions and local universities in establishing the San Antonio Coalition for Family Economic Progress to ensure working families utilize the VITA program to gain access to all tax credits to which they are entitled, free of charge, while decreasing the number who use expensive tax preparation services and Refund Anticipation Loans, and connecting them with mainstream financial services; and

WHEREAS, the City will operate twenty VITA locations across the community to ensure working families have free access to all tax credits to which they are entitled; and

WHEREAS, the VITA Program supports the community's efforts to alleviate poverty, reward work and help individuals and working families supplement their wages and build economic stability; and

WHEREAS, the VITA Program educates the community on, and provides, an Internal Revenue Service approved no charge alternative method of tax preparation and electronic filing which allows filers to maximize allowable credits, the amount of refund they receive and to avoid the use of high-cost predatory Refund Anticipation Loans and expensive tax preparation services;
NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The City of San Antonio hereby supports the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program in partnership with the San Antonio Coalition for Family Economic Progress which provides free income tax preparation services.

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SECTION 2. This resolution shall be effective on and after March 12, 2006

PASSED AND APPROVED this 2nd day of Feb March, 2006

M A Y O R
PHIL HARDBERGER

ATTEST: *Patricia M. Vant*
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: *Hollis Young*
for City Attorney

Agenda Voting Results

Name: 7.

Date: 03/02/06

Time: 02:21:04 PM

Vote Type: Multiple selection

Description: A Resolution supporting the free electronic filing services of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program as an alternative to costly Refund Anticipation Loans, as requested by Councilmember Roger Flores, District 1. [Presented by Dennis Campa, Director, Community Initiatives; Frances A. Gonzalez, Assistant City Manager]

Voter	Group	Status	Yes	No	Abstain
ROGER O. FLORES	DISTRICT 1		x		
SHEILA D. MCNEIL	DISTRICT 2		x		
ROLAND GUTIERREZ	DISTRICT 3		x		
RICHARD PEREZ	DISTRICT 4		x		
PATTI RADLE	DISTRICT 5		x		
DELICIA HERRERA	DISTRICT 6		x		
ELENA K. GUAJARDO	DISTRICT 7		x		
ART A. HALL	DISTRICT 8		x		
KEVIN A. WOLFF	DISTRICT 9		x		
CHIP HAASS	DISTRICT_10		x		
MAYOR PHIL HARDBERGER	MAYOR		x		