

STATE OF MICHIGAN



CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN

I, Rick Snyder, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim

May 2017

COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH

WHEREAS, community action agencies were created when the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 was signed into law; and,

WHEREAS, community action has put a human face on poverty for over 52 years by advocating for limited-income citizens, so that they may enter the middle class and reach for the American dream, replacing their despair with opportunity; and,

WHEREAS, community action builds and promotes economic stability as an essential aspect of enabling and enhancing stronger communities, which in turn promotes self-sufficiency, ensuring that all Americans are able to live in dignity; and,

WHEREAS, community action has enhanced the lives of millions of people across the country by providing essential, life changing services and opportunities such as affordable housing, economic development, health care, energy assistance, and natural disaster relief and recovery; and,

WHEREAS, community action already serves 99 percent of America's counties in rural, suburban, and urban communities and because it is right, because it is wise, and because, in our hearts and minds we believe it is possible, we will conquer poverty in our lifetime; and,

WHEREAS, community action will continue to implement innovative and cost-effective programs to improve the lives and living conditions of the impoverished, continue to provide support and opportunities for all citizens in need of assistance and continue to be a voice in establishing welfare system reforms; and,

WHEREAS, we join with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services in our respect for the efforts of community action agencies and recognize that they have made significant contributions to individuals and families in Michigan;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Snyder, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim May 2017 as Community Action Month in Michigan.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Rick Snyder".

Rick Snyder
Governor

