



PROCLAMATION



WHEREAS, Community Action Agencies were created when the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 was signed into law; and

WHEREAS, the East Central Kansas Economic Opportunity Corporation (ECKAN) was established in 1966; and

WHEREAS, ECKAN has a 46-plus year history of promoting self-sufficiency for the limited income; and

WHEREAS, ECKAN has made essential contributions to individuals and families in Ottawa by providing them with innovative and cost-effective programs such as Community Gardens, Low-cost Rental Housing, Rent Subsidies via the Section 8 program, Weatherization services, and Early Childhood Education; and

WHEREAS, Community Action Agencies are needed as major participants in the reform of the welfare system as we know it; and

WHEREAS, individuals and families on limited income continue to need opportunities to improve their lives and their living conditions, thus ensuring that all citizens are able to live in dignity; and

WHEREAS, the poverty rate in Franklin County is 13.1%; and

WHEREAS, there are 3,355 individuals that meet the Federal poverty guidelines; and

WHEREAS, Kansas and the entire United States must continue to wage war on poverty by providing support and opportunities for all citizens in need of assistance; and

WHEREAS, Franklin County, Kansas and ECKAN have worked together to meet the needs of our most vulnerable citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of Franklin County, Kansas, does hereby proclaim May 2015 as

Community Action Month

in Franklin County, Kansas in recognition of the hard work and dedication of Kansas Community Action Agencies.

Signed this 29th day of April, 2015.




Colton M. Waymire, Commission Chair

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