



PROCLAMATION



Proclamation Number: 18- 03

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 50-plus year history of promoting self-sufficiency for the limited income; and

WHEREAS, ECKAN has made essential contributions to individuals and families in Franklin County 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, 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 13.5%; and

WHEREAS, ECKAN's Community Centers provided programs and services to 1,679 families, and 4,360 individuals in its service area last reporting year; and

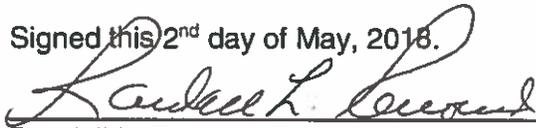
WHEREAS, Kansas and the entire United States must continue to wage war on poverty by providing support and opportunities for all citizens in need of assistance; and

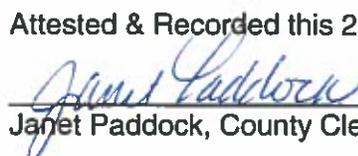
WHEREAS, Franklin County and ECKAN have worked together to meet the needs of our most vulnerable citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of Franklin County, Kansas, does hereby proclaim the month of May 2018, as

Community Action Month

in Kansas and urge the citizens of Franklin County to join in this special observance with appropriate events and commemoration.

Signed this 2nd day of May, 2018.

Randall L. Renoud, Commission Chair

Attested & Recorded this 2nd day of May, 2018

Janet Paddock, County Clerk

