



PROCLAMATION



Proclamation Number 20-01

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, 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 15.8%; and

WHEREAS, ECKAN's Community Centers provided programs and services to 370 families, and 1,010 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 Governing Body of Franklin County, Kansas does hereby proclaim May 2020, as

COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH

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

Signed this 6th day of May, 2020




Colton Waymire, Chairman


Janet Paddock, Clerk