



**Franklin**  
COUNTY KANSAS

EST. 1855

# Proclamation

21-03

**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, **Weatherization Program, Housing Choice Vouchers, Head Start, Budgeting Classes and Stepping Stone Program**; 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 **10.3 %**; 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**, the Franklin County and ECKAN have worked together to meet the needs of our most vulnerable citizens;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, Franklin County, Kansas, proclaims the month of May 2021 as

## **Community Action Month**

In recognition of the hard work and dedication of Kansas Community Action Agencies.

Signed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021.

Colton Waymire, Commission Chair

Attested and Recorded this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021.

Janet Paddock, County Clerk