



PROCLAMATION



Proclamation Number: 17-03

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 is now celebrating a remarkable 50-year history of working towards the common good in Franklin County.

WHEREAS, ECKAN has a rich history in Franklin County of acting as a catalyst in establishing innovative programs and services such as Meals on Wheels, public transportation for the elderly and low-income populations, community gardens and the Christmas Bureau; 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 3,371 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 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 2017, 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 3rd day of May, 2017.

Colton M. Waymire

Colton M. Waymire, Commission Chair

Attested & Recorded this 3rd day of May, 2017

Deborah Hines Deputy Clerk

Janet Paddock, County Clerk