



# PROCLAMATION

19-02



**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 13.5%; and

**WHEREAS**, ECKAN's Community Centers provided programs and services to 621 families, and 1,365 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 2019, as

## Community Action Month

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

Signed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2019



  
Richard Howard, Commission Chair

  
Janet Paddock, County Clerk