



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 authorized the creation of Community Action Agencies to provide opportunities for self-sufficiency and success for those with limited incomes; and
- WHEREAS: Community Action Agencies have made essential contributions to individuals and families in Minnesota by providing them with innovative and cost-effective programs over the past half-century; and
- WHEREAS: Those living on limited incomes benefit from opportunities to improve their lives and to move out of poverty, and Community Action Agencies play an important role in providing access to those opportunities and building community resilience; and
- WHEREAS: Community Action Agencies worked diligently through the COVID-19 pandemic to meet the needs of their communities, including providing rental, mortgage, and utility assistance, expanding food delivery programs, and working to prevent social isolation especially for older adults; and
- WHEREAS: Community Action Agencies continue to play a critical role in their communities throughout recovery from COVID-19, which has disproportionately impacted Minnesotans with low incomes; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota's Community Action Agencies meet the emergent and growing needs in their local communities, from economic crises to natural disasters; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota must be determined and intentional in efforts to combat poverty by providing support and opportunity to all persons in need of assistance, thus ensuring that everyone is able to live with dignity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2023 as:

## COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April.

  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE