

**COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH PROCLAMATION**  
**A PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING MAY 2018 AS**  
**“Community Action Month”**  
**IN THE CITY OF GARNETT, KANSAS.**

**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 Garnett by providing them with innovative and cost-effective programs such as Rent Subsidies via the Section 8 program, Weatherization services, Early Childhood Education, Food Pantry, a conduit for food distribution's from the Kansas Food Bank, Harvester's and Commodity Supplemental Food Program and providing case management through our Stepping Stones Program.

**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 Garnett is 20.8%; and

**WHEREAS**, ECKAN's Community Centers provided programs and services to 1,679 families, and 4,360 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**, Garnett and ECKAN have worked together to meet the needs of our most vulnerable citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MAYOR OF GARNETT, KANSAS do hereby proclaim:  
May, 2018, as

**COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH**

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

Dated this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018.

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**Mayor**

**Attest:**

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**City Clerk**

