



May 2016 Community Action Month

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 Garnett, KS.

WHEREAS, ECKAN has a rich history in the City of Garnett acting as a catalyst in establishing innovative programs and services such as Headstart, construction and real estate programs, and the Spirit of Christmas; 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 Garnett, KS is 17.7%; and

Whereas, there are 888 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, the City of Garnett and ECKAN have worked together to meet the needs of our most vulnerable citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg A. Gwin, Mayor of the City of Garnett, do hereby proclaim May 2016 as

COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH

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

Greg A. Gwin, Mayor

Done this 10th day of May, 2016.