

COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING MAY 2019 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 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 17.2% 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, 2019, as

COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH

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

Dated this 4th day of April, 2019.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

