



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, the Tennessee Department of Human Services Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) has four primary goals, Strength, Transformation, Accountability and Resources (STAR); and

**WHEREAS**, Community Action is vital to Tennesseans growing beyond the need of supportive services and aims to combat poverty within communities by removing the barriers to self-sufficiency individuals and families may encounter; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee's Community Services Block Grant Network, comprised of a collection of 20 Community Action Agencies (CAAs) and Human Resource Agencies (HRAs) that reach all 95 counties of the state to provide services to eligible individuals and families to improve the communities in which they live; and

**WHEREAS**, Community Action Agencies in Tennessee utilize the CSBG to address specific local needs through services and programs that address work: employment; education and cognitive development; income; infrastructure and asset building; housing; health and social behavioral development; and civic engagement and community involvement; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee's 20 CAAs and HRAs are centrally located to serve their communities and collaborate with approximately 5,000 partners; and

**WHEREAS**, Community Action Agencies with the support of the CSBGs serve on average approximately 332,000 individuals and 170,000 households in Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, each of the 20 agencies creates an annual Community Action Plan that includes a Community Needs Assessment and provides an update to their strategic plan which aligns with the mission, vision, and goals of the agency as well as the State of Tennessee and the Department of Human Service's priorities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tennessee Department of Human Services Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) collaborates with the Tennessee Association of Community Action (TACA) to provide training and technical assistance, facilitate collaboration amongst agencies, and develop resources; and

**WHEREAS**, for the past 59 years, Community Action has delivered innovative services and support creating greater opportunities for families and children to succeed;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim May 2023 as

*Community Action Month*

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this twenty-fifth day of April 2023.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

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Secretary of State