



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

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 Service Block Grant Network, comprised of 20 Community Action Agencies (CAAs) and Human Resource Agencies (HRAs), reaches all 95 counties to provide services to eligible individuals and families to improve the communities in which they live; and

WHEREAS, the Network actively collaborates with the Tennessee Department of Human Services in efforts to transform the Tennessee public safety net; and

WHEREAS, CAAs in Tennessee utilize the Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) to address specific local needs through services and programs that address one or more of the core domains in which we 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, CAAs with the support of the CSBG serve on average approximately 332,000 individuals and 170,000 households in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, CAAs enlisted individuals to donate approximately 830,000 volunteer hours in support of agency capacity building; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Human Services 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, Community Action builds and promotes economic stability as an essential aspect of enabling and enhancing stronger communities and stable and insists on community participation and involvement to ensure that all sectors of the community have a voice and will be heard; and

WHEREAS, Community Action is celebrating 60 years of innovation, impact, and providing proven results for Tennesseans;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2024 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 seventeenth day of April, 2024.

Bill Lee

Governor

Julie Kuntz

Secretary of State