

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Community Action Agencies (CAA) and Limited Purpose Agencies (LPA) are nonprofit private and public organizations originally established in 1964 when the Economic Opportunity Act was signed into law with the goal of eliminating the paradox of poverty in the midst of plenty in this nation; and

WHEREAS, CAAs and LPAs are governed by a uniquely structured tripartite board of directors whose members represent three diverse segments of the local community: at least one-third from the low-income community, up to one-third from the private sector, and one-third from the public sector; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina CAAs and LPAs, in collaboration with local, state, and national partners and service providers, served more than 118,113 people last year—including migrant and seasonal farm workers, Native Americans, the elderly, young children, returning citizens, and the homeless—helping them to overcome the challenges of unemployment, hunger, illiteracy, inadequate housing, lack of access to needed services, discrimination, and exploitation; nearly 1000 volunteers give their time in service to communities through these agencies each year as they provide programs and services to lead families from poverty to economic self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, in North Carolina, 34 CAAs and 4 LPAs are committed to producing measurable outcomes through results-oriented management and accountability and to combat the paradox of poverty in the midst of plenty which continues today; and

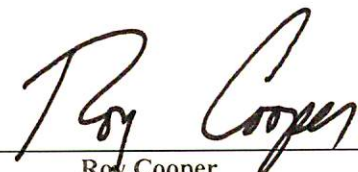
WHEREAS, we must continue to uphold our commitment to the least fortunate among us, and we recognize the efforts and achievements of the CAA and LPA network for promoting self-sufficiency for low-income North Carolinians for the past 52 years; and

WHEREAS, CAAs and LPAs serve 98 percent of United States cities and counties via 1,000 agencies that embody a spirit of hope, making our state and nation better places to live, work, and play; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina joins the national effort in designating May “Community Action Month” to celebrate the success stories and personal achievements of individuals who have benefited from the diverse programs of Community Action, and to honor the dedication of the many volunteers working to change lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 2017, as “COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.





Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-seventh day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first.