



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH**

**2018**

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

## **A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, Community Action Agencies (CAAs) and Limited Purpose Agencies (LPAs) 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, with 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's 34 CAAs and 4 LPAs provide programs and services in collaboration with a network of local, state, and national partners and service providers to lead families from poverty to economic self-sufficiency; they served more than 111,000 people last year, including migrant and seasonal farm workers, Native Americans, the elderly, young children, returning citizens, and the homeless; and

**WHEREAS**, CAAs and LPAs work to provide people with the resources and services they need to overcome unemployment, hunger, illiteracy, inadequate housing, discrimination, and exploitation; nearly 1,000 volunteers give their time in service to communities through these agencies each year; and

**WHEREAS**, the paradox of poverty in the midst of plenty continues today, and we must continue to uphold our commitment to rectify this imbalance; it is fitting that the efforts and achievements of the CAA and LPA network be recognized for promoting self-sufficiency for low-income North Carolinians; and

**WHEREAS**, CAAs and LPAs serve 98 percent of United States cities and counties via a network of 1,000 agencies, contributing to making our nation a better place to live, work, and play; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina joins the national effort to designate May as Community Action Month to celebrate the successes of CAAs and LPAs, honor the dedication of their volunteers, and commend the achievements of individuals who have benefited from the diverse programs of Community Action;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May, 2018, as "COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



  
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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-sixth day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.