



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS, Community Action emerged from the heart of President Lyndon B. Johnson's 1964 proclamation of America's "War on Poverty" where battles must be won in the field, in every private home, in every public office, from the courthouse to the White House; and*

*WHEREAS, Community Action has put a human face on poverty for 54 years by advocating for limited-income citizens without a voice, so that they may enter the middle class and reach for the American dream, replacing their despair with opportunity; and*

*WHEREAS, Alabama's twenty-one local, non-profit Community Action Agencies build and promote economic stability as an essential aspect of enabling and enhancing stronger communities, which in turn promotes self-sufficiency, ensuring that all Americans are able to live in dignity; and*

*WHEREAS, Community Action has enhanced the lives of millions of people across America by providing essential, life-changing services and opportunities such as affordable housing, economic development, health care, energy assistance and natural disaster relief and recovery; and*

*WHEREAS, Community Action already serves all of Alabama's sixty-seven counties in rural, suburban and urban communities and because it is right, because it is wise and because, in our hearts and minds we believe it is possible, we will conquer poverty in our lifetime; and*

*WHEREAS, Community Action will continue to implement innovative and cost-effective programs to improve the lives and living conditions of the impoverished; continue to provide support and opportunities for all citizens in need of assistance;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim May 2018, as*

# Community Action Month

*in the State of Alabama in recognition of the hard work and dedication of Alabama's twenty-one Community Action Agencies, their boards of directors, their staff members and their community partners.*



*Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 8th day of May 2018.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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Kay Ivey, Governor