

WHEREAS; according to the Wisconsin Community Action Program Association (WISCAP), one in ten Wisconsinites lives below the federal poverty line and more than 25,000 kids and youth across the state experienced homelessness in 2022; and

WHEREAS; community action agencies are robust state and local forces that connect the people they serve to life-changing services and create pathways to prosperity, and they can be found in almost every county in the United States; and

WHEREAS; community action agencies in Wisconsin make essential contributions to the state, creating economic opportunities for low-income Wisconsinites and strengthening communities; and

WHEREAS; since 1974, community action agencies in Wisconsin have contributed to policy development, community support and advocacy, and programming in the areas of affordable housing, weatherization, food security, employment, entrepreneurship, child development, community economic development, health, and education; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's community action agencies are committed to incorporating and amplifying the voices of the people living in the communities they serve, with a board structure that includes low-income individuals and families, elected officials or their representatives, and local professionals, groups, and interests; and

WHEREAS; WISCAP is comprised of 16 community action agencies and two single-purpose agencies with statewide focus, United Migrant Opportunity Services and the Foundation for Rural Housing, which work together to fight poverty and help folks across the state achieve economic self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin renews its resolve to partner with community action agencies and groups like WISCAP to fight inequities, reduce economic disparities, and provide resources and support to individuals, families, and communities throughout the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim May 2023 as

COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 21st day of April 2023.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State