



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, the residents of the Empire State are proud to join in commemorating milestones of progress in the history of our nation; the month of May is designated as National Community Action Month, providing the opportunity to recognize the contributions of Community Action Agencies; and

Whereas, in August of 1964, President Johnson signed the Economic Opportunity Act, creating the nationwide Community Action Network; since then, Community Action Agencies have been an effective vehicle for promoting self-sufficiency for those with limited income; and

Whereas, National Community Action Month was established in 1997 to recognize the dedication of volunteers and staff and the achievements of individuals who have benefited from the diverse programs provided by Community Action Agencies, and to share their stories of success; and

Whereas, Community Action Agencies provide numerous services to low-income New Yorkers, including Head Start, child care, housing and emergency assistance, child and adult care food programs, home energy assistance programs, and many others to help low-income New Yorkers break the cycle of poverty and achieve self-sufficiency and economic security; and

Whereas, Community Action Agency boards, in partnership with elected officials, the private sector, and low-income individuals, continue to identify challenges for those with fixed and low-incomes, and seek ways to strengthen the community; and

Whereas, the Community Action Agencies in New York State assisted over 470,000 low-income children, adults, and seniors to access services; assisted 6,687 individuals to obtain employment; and provided emergency food to over 150,800 individuals in 2011; and

Whereas, community action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live by fulfilling this great nation's promise of equal opportunity for all;

Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim May 2012 as

COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH

in the Empire State.



G i v e n under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State
at the Capitol in the City of Albany this fourteenth
day of May in the year two thousand twelve.

Governor

Secretary to the Governor