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Proclamation **Community Action Month**

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 52 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, Community Action builds and promotes 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, natural disaster relief and recovery; and

WHEREAS, Community Action already serves 99% of America's 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; and continue to be a major voice of reason in establishing welfare system reforms;

WHEREAS, the San Benito County Community Action Board has served as the advisory arm of the local Community Action Agency since 1986;

NOW, THEREFORE, San Benito County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim May 2016 as **COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH** in recognition of the hard work and dedication to the Community of *San Benito County*.

In witness of the approval of this proclamation by the Board of Supervisors of San Benito County on this 10th day of May 2016.

Robert Rivas, Chairman
San Benito County Board of Supervisors