

SR163, As Adopted by Senate, May 3, 2018

Senator Zorn offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 163.

A resolution to commemorate May 2018 as Community Action Agency Month.

Whereas, Citizens with limited income continue to need opportunities to improve their lives and their living conditions, thus ensuring that all are able to live in dignity; and

Whereas, Community Action Agencies were established into law in 1964 under President Lyndon B. Johnson in effort to aid in the War on Poverty, making 2018 the 54th year of Community Action in the United States; and

Whereas, Approximately 1,000 Community Action Agencies across the country observe May as National Community Action Month; and

Whereas, Michigan's 29 Community Action Agencies are the only community-based organizations providing full wraparound and locally-directed services in all 83 counties in the state; and

Whereas, According to the National Association of State Community Service Programs' (NASCSPP) annual report, in FY 2016-17, Michigan's 29 Community Action Agencies and its partners at the Bureau of Community Action and Economic Opportunity, expended \$22,914,101 of federal Community Services Block Grant funds in support of core activities of Michigan's Community Action network, leveraging an additional \$327,935,413 in non-CSBG funds from other federal, state, local, and private sources, resulting in a \$14.25 return on \$1 of CSBG; and

Whereas, In FY 2016-17, according to the same report, Michigan's Community Action Agencies provided services to 181,435 Michigan residents, including 89,942 families, in early childhood education programs such as Head Start and Early Head Start; senior services such as Meals on Wheels and home repair; and a diverse range of programs in emergency services, affordable housing, energy assistance, food assistance, financial literacy, youth programs, job training, and tax preparation assistance, and others; and

Whereas, The provision of such programs and services have led to 729,658 indicators of movement toward self-sufficiency and community revitalization, as measured and recorded in the NASCSPP annual report; and

Whereas, Community Action Agencies, in cooperation with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, have successfully administered weatherization assistance program funds which have supported energy efficiency improvements in low income housing; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body commemorate May 2018 as Community Action Month; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Michigan Community Action Agency.