



PROCLAMATION

May 2019 Community Action Month

Whereas, Community Action Agencies were created when the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 was signed into law; and
Whereas, The East Central Kansas Economic Opportunity Corporation (ECKAN) was established in 1966; and
Whereas, ECKAN has a 50-plus year history of promoting self-sufficiency for the limited income; and
Whereas, ECKAN has made essential contributions to individuals and families in Burlington and Coffey County by providing them with innovative and cost-effective programs such as: Low-cost Rental Housing, Rent Subsidies via the Section 8 Program, Weatherization Services, Early Childhood Education; and case management services through our Stepping Stones Program.
Whereas, Community Action Agencies are needed as major participants in the reform of the welfare system as we know it; and
Whereas, Individuals and families on limited income continue to need opportunities to improve their lives and their living conditions, thus ensuring all citizens are able to live in dignity; and
Whereas, the poverty rate in Coffey County is 10.2%; and
Whereas, ECKAN's Community Centers provided programs and services to 1,679 families, and 4,360 individuals in its service area last reporting year; and
Whereas, Kansas and the entire United States must continue to wage war on poverty by providing support and opportunities for all citizens in need of assistance; and
Whereas, City of Burlington, Coffey County, and ECKAN have worked together to meet needs of our most vulnerable citizens;
 NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert S. Luke, Mayor of the City of BURLINGTON, KANSAS, do hereby proclaim MAY 2019 as

Community Action Month

in BURLINGTON, KANSAS; in recognition of the continued work and dedication of Kansas Community Action Agencies.

Dated this 15th day of May, 2019.

Robert S. Luke, Mayor

ATTEST:

Regina R. Kewley, City Clerk

