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Community Action Month

50 years ago the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 spurred the call for community action to aid our nation’s low-income population. Since then California’s Community Action Network and the Community Services Block Grant have provided low-income individuals and families with programs to purchase homes, pursue and complete college degrees, start their own businesses, achieve financial security, restore neighborhood parks and gardens, achieve energy efficiency in their homes, and access childcare and healthy foods.

Today low-income Californians continue to seek opportunities to improve their lives and their communities. While continuing to respond to the challenges faced by low-income people across the state, California’s Community Action Network and the Community Services Block Grant endlessly seek new ways to uproot the causes of poverty and the effects of income insecurity.

“Community Action Day at the Capitol” and “Community Action Month” serve as reminders of the important work done by California’s Community Action Network to help low-income individuals and families attain economic opportunity, self-sufficiency and basic life necessities.

Sincerely,

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