

Proclamation

WHEREAS, community action agencies are non-profit organizations originally established under the Equal Opportunity Act of 1964 to fight America's War on Poverty; and

WHEREAS, Missouri's network of nineteen community action agencies throughout the state provide services to at-risk families, such as job training, early childhood education, emergency assistance, housing, energy assistance, outreach, and weatherization; and

WHEREAS, community action agencies excel at developing special projects to meet the locally identified needs in communities where no solutions currently exist; and

WHEREAS, each community action agency is governed by a local board of directors, consisting of elected officials, private sector leaders, and low-income individuals; and

WHEREAS, community action agencies follow Results-Oriented Management and Accountability guidelines and are independently audited each year to ensure fiscal accountability; and

WHEREAS, community action agencies continually develop and maintain effective partnerships with other organizations and local governments to ensure all citizens have access to food, health, education, family and economic security, energy, and housing; and

WHEREAS, the key assets of community action agencies – flexibility, immediacy, and coordination – are increasingly important as Missouri strives to ensure economic opportunity for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James E. O'Neal, Mayor of the City of Springfield, Missouri, do hereby proclaim June 29, 2011 as

COMMUNITY ACTION DAY

and encourage all citizens to recognize and appreciate the efforts of community action agencies in Springfield.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the official seal of the City of Springfield, Missouri, to be affixed this 29th day of June, in the year of our Lord, two thousand eleven.



James E. O'Neal, Mayor

