WHEREAS: The Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 authorized the creation of community action agencies to provide opportunities for self-sufficiency and success for those with limited incomes; and

WHEREAS: Community action agencies have made essential contributions to individuals and families in Minnesota by providing them with innovative and cost-effective programs over the past half-century; and

WHEREAS: Those living on limited incomes benefit from opportunities to improve their lives and their living conditions, and community action agencies play an important role in providing access to those opportunities, particularly during these difficult economic times resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota and the United States must be determined and intentional in efforts to combat poverty by providing support and opportunity to all persons in need of assistance, thus ensuring that everyone is able to live with dignity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2020 as:

COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 15th day of May.

[Signature]

GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE