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A RESOLUTION

1 2	Recognizing the month of May 2016 as "Community Action Month" in Pennsylvania.
3	WHEREAS, Community Action emerged from the heart of President
4	Lyndon B. Johnson's 1964 proclamation of America's "War on
5	Poverty," where battles must be won in the field, in every
6	private home and in every public office, from the courthouse to
7	the White House; and
8	WHEREAS, Community Action has put a human face on poverty for
9	52 years by advocating for limited-income individuals without a
10	voice so that they may enter the middle class and reach for the
11	American dream, replacing their despair with opportunity; and
12	WHEREAS, Community Action builds and promotes economic
13	stability as an essential aspect of enabling and enhancing
14	stronger communities, which in turn promotes self-sufficiency,
15	ensuring that all Americans are able to live in dignity; and
16	WHEREAS, Community Action has enhanced the lives of people
17	across this Commonwealth by providing essential, life-changing

services and opportunities such as affordable housing, economic
development, health care, energy assistance, natural disaster
relief and recovery; and

WHEREAS, Community Action already serves all counties of this Commonwealth in rural, suburban and urban communities, and because it is right, because it is wise and because in our hearts and minds we believe it is possible, we will conquer poverty in our lifetime; and

9 WHEREAS, Community Action will continue to implement 10 innovative and cost-effective programs to improve the lives and 11 living conditions of impoverished individuals and families, 12 provide support and opportunities for all people in need 13 of assistance and be a major voice of reason in establishing 14 welfare system reforms; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the month of May 2016 as "Community Action Month" in Pennsylvania in recognition of the hard work and dedication of the Community Action agencies in this Commonwealth.

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