



**City of Conway, Arkansas**  
**Proclamation by:**  
**Mayor Bart Castleberry**  
**“Community Action Month”**  
**May, 2017**



**Whereas,** Community Action emerged from the heart of President Lyndon B. Johnson’s 1964 proclamation of America’s “War on Poverty” where battles must be won in the field, in every private home, in every public office, from the courthouse to the White House; and

**Whereas,** Community Action has put a human face on poverty for 53 years by advocating for limited-income citizens without a voice, so that they may enter the middle class and reach for the American dream, replacing their despair with opportunity; and

**Whereas,** Community Action builds and promotes economic stability as an essential aspect of enabling and enhancing stronger communities, which in turn promotes self-sufficiency, ensuring that all Americans are able to live in dignity; and

**Whereas,** Community Action has enhanced the lives of millions of people across America 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 99% of America’s counties 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

**Whereas,** Community Action will continue to implement innovative and cost-effective programs to improve the lives and living conditions of the impoverished; continue to provide support and opportunities for all citizens in need of assistance; and continue to be a major voice of reason in establishing welfare system reforms.

***NOW, THEREFORE, I Bart Castleberry, Mayor of the City of Conway do hereby proclaim May 2017 as:***

**“COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH”**

In recognition of the hard work and dedication of Community Action Program for Central Arkansas and all Community Action agencies.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the SEAL of the City of Conway, Arkansas to be affixed.

**Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017**

*Bart Castleberry*

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**Mayor Bart Castleberry**