

ACTION AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Community Action has made essential contributions to individuals and families across this Nation by creating economic opportunities and strengthening communities; and

WHEREAS, Lycoming-Clinton Counties Commission for Community Action (STEP), Inc., the Community Action Agency serving Lycoming and Clinton counties, has been engaging diverse individuals, families, and communities in the pursuit of social and economic success for 59 years; and WHEREAS, STEP builds and promotes economic stability as an essential aspect of enabling and enhancing stronger communities and stable homes through their many innovative and diverse programs; and

WHEREAS, STEP provides high quality early learning to children and assists older adults and Individuals with disabilities to maintain independent living situations: and

WHEREAS, STEP is an economic driver in our community, maintaining a workforce of at least 280 staff members, supporting families as they strive for economic stability and removing barriers to employment at a systemic level through increased child care and transportation options; and

WHEREAS, Community Action insists on community participation and involvement ensuring that all sectors of the community have a voice and will be heard.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it Resolved, we the Commissioners of the County of Lycoming do hereby proclaim May 2025 as Community Action Month in recognition of the hard work and dedication of the Community Action Agencies serving our region, state, and nation. We urge all citizens to support

their efforts to strengthen our community.

Lycoming County Commissioners

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PROCLAMATION NO. 11: COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH

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WHEREAS, STEP builds and promotes economic stability as an essential aspect of enabling and enhancing stronger communities and stable homes through programs such as Head Start, the ELRC for Region 7, Housing Options, Service Navigation, AmeriCorps, Transportation, the Office of Aging, and many others; and

WHEREAS, STEP served 19,379 customers in 2024 in the bi-county area, totaling 12% of the population of that region; and

WHEREAS, STEP is currently providing 179 children in Clinton County with high quality early learning through Head Start, Early Head Start, and Pre-K Counts programs;

WHEREAS, in 2024, STEP helped 3,280 older adults and individuals with disabilities to maintain independent living situations; and

WHEREAS, STEP is an economic driver in our community, maintaining a workforce of at least 280 staff members, supporting families as they strive for economic stability and removing barriers to employment at a systemic level through increased child care and transportation options; and

WHEREAS, Community Action delivers innovative services and supports that create greater opportunities for families and children to succeed; and

WHEREAS, Community Action insists on community participation and involvement ensuring that all sectors of the community have a voice and will be heard; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commissioners of the County of Clinton do hereby proclaim May 2025 as Community Action Month in recognition of the hard work and dedication of the Community Action Agencies serving our region, state, and nation.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the County of Clinton, on this day, the 8^{TH} of May, 2025.

ATTEST:

Desiree B. Myers Chief Clerk

CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

James A. Russo Chairman

Jeffrey A Snyder

Vice Chairman

Angela Harding

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