

SR-157, As Adopted by Senate, May 31, 2012

Senators Caswell, Booher, Brandenburg, Nofs and Casperson offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 157.

A resolution proclaiming May 31, 2012, as Community Action Agency Day in Michigan.

Whereas, Community action agencies were created when the federal Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 was signed into law as part of President Lyndon Johnson's War on Poverty; and

Whereas, The month of May has been designated by the United States Congress as National Community Action Month; and

Whereas, Michigan's 29 community action agencies are the only community-based organizations providing full wraparound, locally-directed services in all 83 counties in the state; and

Whereas, Community action agencies in Michigan provide services or links to services to more than 600,000 Michigan residents every year. They assist nearly 300,000 families statewide by providing a variety of services, such as early childhood development, senior services, affordable housing, food assistance, and energy assistance programs, among others; and

Whereas, These agencies, in cooperation with the Michigan Department of Human Services, have successfully administered more than \$200 million in federal ARRA Weatherization Assistance Program funds which supported energy-efficiency improvements in 30,000 Michigan homes since 2009; and

Whereas, Community action agencies in Michigan serve as catalysts for innovative partnerships with such examples as the Jackson Health Clinic, which has reduced infant mortality rates countywide, and the installation of alternative energy equipment and energy-efficiency upgrades in Muskegon County homeless shelters, and many more; and

Whereas, They have leveraged their federal allocation of the Community Services Block Grant and other federal, state, local, and private sources of funding to create more than \$460.3 million in economic activity statewide; and

Whereas, The recipient families with limited incomes continue to need opportunities to improve their lives and their living conditions, thus ensuring that all citizens are able to live in dignity; and

Whereas, Michigan and the entire United States must continue to promote economic security by providing support and opportunities for all citizens in need of assistance; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we proclaim May 31, 2012, as Community Action Agency Day in Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Michigan Community Action Agency Association.