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DELAWARE STATE SENATE
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 165

PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY 2024 AS "COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

1 WHEREAS, Community Action Agencies were established by the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 as a crucial
2 aspect of President Lyndon B. Johnson's "War on Poverty"; and

3 WHEREAS, today there are approximately 1,000 Community Action Agencies, serving every state and 96 percent
4 of counties in the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, Community Action Agencies serve more than 16.2 million individuals per year; and

6 WHEREAS, Community Action Agencies are the primary source of direct support for more than 40 million
7 people who live in poverty in the United States; and

8 WHEREAS, incorporated in 1966, First State Community Action Agency is Delaware's first and only federally
9 recognized Community Action Agency; and

10 WHEREAS, for over 50 years, First State Community Action Agency has provided an ever evolving and
11 expanding array of programs and services that are essential to helping poverty-stricken individuals become more
12 independent; and

13 WHEREAS, as of September 2023, First State Community Action provided affordable housing to 251 individuals,
14 helped 96 families avoid foreclosure and 1,199 individuals avoid eviction, helped 1,268 households avoid utility shutoff,
15 and provided heating and cooling assistance to 588 homes; and

16 WHEREAS, First State Community Action Agency Employment, Training, and Special Services provided 343
17 jobs, programs for senior citizens, after-school and enrichment programs for Delaware youth, workforce development, and
18 other services and programs designed to eliminate the root causes of poverty; and

19 WHEREAS, First State Community Action Agency serves over 11,877 people per year.

20 NOW, THEREFORE:

21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 152nd General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the House of
22 Representatives concurring therein, that May 2024 is proclaimed "Community Action Month" in the State of Delaware.

SYNOPSIS

This Senate Concurrent Resolution proclaims the month of May 2024 as "Community Action Month" in the State of Delaware.

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