



# **PROCLAMATION FOR COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH**

**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 on the field, in every private home, in every public office and from the courthouse to the White House; and

**WHEREAS**, Community Action has put a human face on poverty for 59 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 serves 99% of America's counties in rural, suburban and urban communities, connecting millions of children and families to approaches that help them succeed; and

**WHEREAS**, GLEAMNS Human Resources Commission, Inc. is the Community Action Agency in Greenwood County working to help communities in 14 counties, including Greenwood, Laurens, Edgefield, Abbeville, McCormick, Newberry and Saluda by providing services and opportunities, such as energy assistance, emergency rental and mortgage assistance, Head Start, Weatherization and many others; 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

**WHEREAS**, Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities and makes America a better place to live.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Brandon Smith, Mayor of the City of Greenwood do hereby proclaim May 2023 as: **COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH** in recognition of the hard work and dedication of GLEAMNS Human Resources Commission, Inc. and all Community Action Agencies.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brandon Smith", is written over a horizontal line.

Brandon Smith, Mayor