

RESOLUTION NO. 90-82

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MAY 27, 1990
THROUGH JUNE 1, 1990 AS COMMUNITY ACTION WEEK

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, IT HAS BEEN TWENTY-FIVE YEARS SINCE THIS NATION DECLARED UNCONDITIONAL WAR ON POVERTY THROUGH THIS ENACTMENT OF THE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ACT, SIGNED INTO LAW AUGUST 20, 1964; AND

WHEREAS, THE PURPOSE OF THIS LEGISLATION WAS TO ELIMINATE THE PARADOX OF POVERTY IN THE MIDST OF PLENTY IN THIS NATION; AND

WHEREAS, THE CORNERSTONE OF AMERICAS WAR ON POVERTY HAS BEEN THE COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCIES, CREATED TO OFFER THE NATIONS POOR "A HAND UP , NOT A HAND OUT"; AND

WHEREAS, THE COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCIES HAVE CONTINUED TO LEAD THE STRUGGLE AGAINST POVERTY FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS, HELPING POOR PEOPLE OVERCOME HUNGER, INADEQUATE HOUSING, ILLITERACY, UNEMPLOYMENT, DISCRIMINATION, POWERLESSNESS, EXPLOITATION AND LACK OF ACCESS TO SUCH REMEDIAL AND VITAL SERVICES AS HEALTH CARE AND EDUCATION; AND

WHEREAS, THE COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCIES HAVE MADE AN INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO OUR NATION, THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF INNOVATIVE AND COST EFFECTIVE PROGRAMS WHICH HAVE HELPED MILLIONS OF POOR AMERICANS FIND THEIR WAY OUT OF POVERTY; AND

WHEREAS, THE PARADOX OF POVERTY IN THE MIDST OF PLENTY CONTINUES TODAY WHEN, ALTHOUGH 1987 REPRESENTED THE FIFTH YEAR OF ECONOMIC RECOVERY, THE POVERTY RATE THAT YEAR SOARED HIGHER THAN IN ANY YEAR IN THE 1970'S, HIGHER EVEN THAN DURING THE MAJOR RECESSIONS OF 1974 AND 1975; AND

WHEREAS, THIS NATION MUST CONTINUE TO WAGE A WAR ON POVERTY IN ORDER TO UPHOLD ITS COMMITMENT TO THE LEAST FORTUNATE AMONG US, INCLUDING AMERICAS CHILDREN, ELDERLY, WORKING POOR AND OTHER DISADVANTAGED GROUPS; AND

WHEREAS, WE KNOW MORE TODAY THAN EVER BEFORE ABOUT EFFECTIVE, POSITIVE APPROACHES TO SELF-SUFFICIENCY; THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, THAT THE UNDERSIGNED REDEDICATES THE NORTHEAST FLORIDA COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY IN SAINT JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA TO THE CONTINUING WAR ON POVERTY AND TO THE LEADERSHIP OF COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCIES IN ADVANCING THIS STRUGGLE; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT THE WEEK OF MAY 27, 1990 THROUGH FRIDAY JUNE 1, 1990 HAS BEEN DECLARED COMMUNITY ACTION WEEK BY CRAIG MAQUIRE COUNTY COMMISSIONER AND THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SAINT JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

ADOPTED THIS 24th DAY OF APRIL, 1990.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By Craig A. Maquire
Its Chairman

ATTEST: Carl "Bud" Markel, Clerk

By Connie E. McDaniel
Deputy Clerk