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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**Statement regarding Charlottesville Attacks**

*Declaration of Independence*

*“We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness—That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed, that whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these Ends it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its Foundation on such Principles, and organizing its Powers in such Form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.”*

COLUMBUS — The Ohio Association of Community Action Agencies condemns the domestic terrorist attacks in Charlottesville that killed three Americans and left dozens more injured. The violence stirred by “white supremacists” and neo-Nazi extremist groups are unacceptable and not what our country will stand for.

We fully believe that all Americans are created equal and that our government must stand up to those who threaten our countrymen. Here in Ohio and throughout this country, as part of our mission, we stand against discrimination—racial or other forms. We encourage the President of the United States to do the same and follow in the footsteps of our founding fathers and of our Declaration of Independence, by condemning those who threaten the lives and rights of American citizens.

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*Community Action changes people’s lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community, and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other. Community Action Agencies work to alleviate poverty and empower low-income families in their communities. The Ohio Association of Community Action Agencies represents 48 agencies around the state serving the needs of low-income people in all of Ohio’s 88 counties. CAAs provide education and training, emergency services, and other assistance programs to over 800,000 Ohioans annually.*