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MEDIA ALERT:

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Governor Proclaims October as Weatherization Month in Michigan

Even as Popular Federal Program Faces Drastic Cuts in Funding

Governor Snyder recently issued a statewide proclamation citing October 2012 as Weatherization Month in honor of Michigan's Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP). WAP is a federally funded program to help low income households make their homes more energy-efficient. The program, administered by local Community Action Agencies (CAAs), has been an unqualified success for decades, resulting in lower energy costs for more than 316,000 Michigan homes and providing those residents with savings that can be used for other necessities. Despite the success, however, WAP is being targeted by budget cutters in Washington, even as thousands of eligible local homeowners are being waitlisted for the service. Come hear about the achievements and challenges Community Action Agencies in West Michigan are facing as they try to continue this vital program and provide its benefits to area residents in need.

WHAT: Michigan Community Action Responds to Gov. Snyder's Proclamation.

WHO: Representatives from four West Michigan Community Action Agencies will describe how WAP is working in their counties, including ACSET CAA (Kent County); Ottawa County CAA; Muskegon-Oceana CAA; and EightCAP, the CAA serving Ionia, Montcalm, Gratiot and Isabella Counties.

WHEN: Wednesday, October 17, 2012, 12:00 noon

WHERE: The Governors Room, Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, 187 Monroe, Grand Rapids, MI

WHY: Gov. Snyder's Proclamation of October as Weatherization Month is a welcome endorsement of this effective anti-poverty, job creating program. Yet even now, the federal program is slated for drastic funding cuts.

Michigan Community Action is the state association of 29 Community Action Agencies that help low income residents become more economically stable and self-sufficient in all 83 Michigan Counties.