

## Older Americans Month Sample Proclamation

May is Older Americans Month. Use this template to create and adopt your own Older Americans Month 2014 proclamation. This year's theme is "Safe Today. Healthy Tomorrow."

### Older Americans Month 2014 A Proclamation

**Whereas,** (INSERT COMMUNITY/ORGANIZATION NAME) includes (INSERT NUMBER OF OLDER ADULTS IN YOUR COMMUNITY/ORGANIZATION) citizens ages 60 and older; and

**Whereas,** (INSERT COMMUNITY/ORGANIZATION NAME) is committed to helping all individuals live longer, healthier lives; and

**Whereas,** the older adults in (INSERT COMMUNITY NAME) have made countless contributions and sacrifices to ensure a better life for future generations; and

**Whereas,** we recognize the value of injury prevention and safety awareness in helping older adults remain healthy and active; and

**Whereas,** our community can provide opportunities to enrich the lives of individuals young and old by:

- Emphasizing the need to take action to safeguard themselves from unintentional injuries where they live, work and socialize
- Providing information on avoiding leading causes of injury for older adults – falls, motor vehicle-related incidents, suffocation, medication overdose, and fire/burns
- Helping older adults take control of their safety and wellbeing

**Now therefore,** (I/WE) of (CITY/TOWN) (STATE) do hereby proclaim May 2014 to be Older Americans Month. (I/WE) urge every resident to take time this month to recognize older adults and the people who serve and support them as powerful and vital individuals who greatly contribute to the community.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of (MONTH), 2014

(Name of body approving proclamation)

By \_\_\_\_\_