**Older Americans Month 2023**

A Proclamation

**Whereas,** [community/area] includes a growing number of older Americans who contribute their time, wisdom, and experience to our community; and

**Whereas,** communities benefit when people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds have the opportunity to participate and live independently; and

**Whereas,** [community/area/group] recognizes the need to create a community that offers the services and supports older adults may need to make choices about how they age; and

**Whereas,** [community/area/group] can work to build an even better community for our older residents by:

* Not limiting our thinking about aging,
* Exploring and combating stereotypes,
* Emphasizing the many positive aspects of aging,
* Inspiring older adults to push past traditional boundaries, and
* Embracing our community’s diversity.

**Now, therefore,** [I/we] of [city/town, state, or community/area] do hereby proclaim May 2023 to be Older Americans Month. [I/we] urge every resident to celebrate our older citizens, help to create an inclusive society, and accept the challenge of flexible thinking around aging.

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