

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

PROCLAMATION NO. 2022-043

Proclaiming the Month of May 2022 as Older Americans Month in Multnomah County, Oregon.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

1. One in five people living in Multnomah County is 60 years or older. By 2030, that proportion is expected to reach nearly one in four. We affirm this growing population of older adults and elders and celebrate their contributions and voices in our community.
2. Our whole community benefits when people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds are welcomed, included, and supported. Older adults thrive when choice and self-determination is prioritized and their choices and natural support are honored.
3. Aging, Disability and Veterans Services Division (“ADVSD”) supports an aging services network, which includes community-based organizations and partners across Multnomah County, and provides access to services and programs that reflect and affirm the diverse people, cultures and languages of older adults and elders across the County.
4. Services and support that are responsive to the needs and preferences fosters the well-being and safety of older adults and elders so they may live independently and age where they choose.
5. Community and connection are necessary for all of us, particularly as we age. The COVID-19 pandemic has shifted how we offer opportunities for connection and community with and among older people, and the importance of transportation services and technology access.
6. Transportation that is low-cost and accessible was consistently ranked among the highest needs by older adults and elders across communities and identities in Multnomah County’s most recent Area Plan needs assessment survey. The survey also identified a desire among older people for technology training and access.
7. ADVSD is committed to continually seeking input from our community in our work with the Aging Services Advisory Council and the Disabilities Services Advisory Council. The advocacy of these councils has improved our community and supported independence and choice for older people.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

May 2022 is Older Americans Month, a time to recognize the unique path and experiences of older adults and elders in our community. Consistent with this year's national theme, "Age My Way," we ask people in Multnomah County to recognize and celebrate older adults and elders in their communities.

ADOPTED this 19th day of May, 2022.



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Deborah Kafoury, Chair

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