

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

PROCLAMATION NO. 2023-034

Proclaiming the Month of May 2023 as Older Americans Month in Multnomah County, Oregon.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. Multnomah County's older adults and elders have helped build and shape this community through contributing their time, wisdom and experience. 2023 marks the 60th anniversary of the establishment of Older Americans Month. Since 1963, May is a time to uplift these contributions and to highlight the importance of independence and choice as people in our community age.
- c. Supporting the well-being and positive aging experience of older adults and elders in our community by challenging predominant narratives about aging affirms our commitment to exploring and combating stereotypes, emphasizing the many positive aspects of aging, and embracing the diversity of our residents.
- d. 2023 is also the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Area Agencies on Aging. Area Agencies on Aging coordinate and provide an array of traditional and innovative services to all people 60 years and older, regardless of income, both at home and in the community.
- e. The Aging, Disability and Veterans Services Division, as the designated Area Agency on Aging, along with its network of partners provide access to Older Americans Act programs and services that reflect and affirm the diverse people, cultures and languages of older adults and elders.
- f. Older adults and elders across Multnomah County are served by 17 contracted providers that deliver services that are culturally responsive, nine of which provide culturally specific services.
- g. The aim of the Area Agencies on Aging and Older Americans Act Programs is to allow older adults to age in place aided by services such as home-delivered meals, housekeeping assistance, health promotion programing and access to legal advice.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

May 2023 is Older Americans Month, a time to recognize that we all benefit when people of all ages, abilities, backgrounds, identities have the opportunity to grow old and determine their own path as they age. Consistent with this year's national theme, "Aging Unbound," we ask people in Multnomah County to recognize and celebrate older adults and elders in their communities.

ADOPTED this 25th day of May, 2023.



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