



Proclaiming

May 2024

Older Americans Month in Ventura County

Whereas, the month of May is Older Americans Month, a nationally recognized movement that stemmed from the 1965 passing of the Older Americans Act, created in response to concerns from policymakers about a lack of community social services and advocacy for older Americans; and

Whereas, this year's theme, "Powered by Connection," emphasizes the profound impact of meaningful interactions and social connection on the well-being and health of older adults in our community, and represents the goals of the Ventura County Area Agency on Aging (VCAAA) – a division of the Human Services Agency (HSA) – to provide programs and services designed to help Ventura County residents age in place and optimize quality of life; and

Whereas, the County of Ventura recognizes the contributions of older Americans, in times of war and of peace, and in periods of crisis, their rich histories, hard work, perseverance, and determination to provide a foundation for a prosperous future for generations that have followed them; and

Whereas, by recognizing those contributions, the County is committed to not only addressing the changing needs of the rapidly growing population of older adults, but also seeking additional methods to enhance the quality of life for older Americans; and

Whereas, through the development of the County's first-ever Master Plan on Aging, the programs offered through HSA and VCAAA, and the collaboration with other county and community agencies and organizations, Ventura County will continue to create innovative programs designed to provide older adults with the option to safely age at home; and

Whereas, to celebrate this month, the VCAAA, the Optimal Aging Committee of the VCAAA Advisory Council, the Ventura County Arts & Culture office, and the Ventura County Arts Council are currently hosting the first-ever older adults art show in the Hall of Administration's atrium, recognizing the creativity and talents of our County's older residents; and

Whereas, VCAAA and HSA will continue their commitment to serve as advocates for, and provide vital services to, more than 210,000 Ventura County residents aged 60 years or older, of which more than 36,000 are living alone, in addition to individuals living with a dementia-related condition, people with disabilities, and to the caregivers who are a crucial element in the lives of those they care for.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Ventura County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the month of May 2024, "Older Americans Month" and urges its residents to join in celebrating the many contributions of older adults in Ventura.

Presented on this 14th day of May 2024

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