

MEMORANDUM
PLACER COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Adult System of Care and Medical Clinics

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors
FROM: Jeffrey S. Brown, M.P.H., M.S.W., Director of Health and Human Services
Maureen F. Bauman, L.C.S.W., M.P.A, Director of Adult System of Care
DATE: May 19, 2015
SUBJECT: A Proclamation Declaring May 2015 as Older American's Month

ACTION REQUESTED:

1. Approve a Proclamation to recognize Older Americans by proclaiming May, 2015 as Older Americans' Month in Placer County.

BACKGROUND:

Older adults have made countless contributions and sacrifices to ensure a better life for future generations. Since 1963, communities across the country have shown their gratitude by celebrating and proclaiming Older Americans' Month each May. This proclamation recognizes older Americans for their contributions and demonstrates the County's commitment to helping them stay independent, healthy, and active.

This year's theme for Older Americans' Month is "Get into the Act." The theme focuses on how older adults are taking charge of their health, getting engaged in their communities, and making a positive impact in the lives of others. Placer County Health and Human Services (HHS) offers many services and resources to Placer's older adult community, and the Placer Older Adult Advisory Commission provides information and advocacy both to HHS and the Placer Board of Supervisors in order to improve the lives of Placer's older adults year round. Older Americans Month serves as a reminder that older adults contribute a great deal to healthy communities, and is a call to action reminding us to continue our efforts to support Placer's senior population in order that they might remain independent, age with dignity, and be in charge of their lives and their health.

We are requesting the Placer County Board of Supervisors proclaim the month of May, 2015, Placer County Older Americans' Month.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This action has no fiscal impact to the County General Fund.

Attachment: Proclamation – Older Americans' Month

Before the Board of Supervisors County of Placer, State of California

May 19, 2015 In the matter of a Proclamation declaring May, 2015 as Older Americans' Month in Placer County

The following PROCLAMATION was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held May 19, 2015.

WHEREAS, 24% of Placer County's population, approximately 86,500 citizens, are 60 years of age and older and estimates suggest that this population will continue to grow significantly through the year 2040; and

WHEREAS, Placer County Health and Human Services and the Older Adult Advisory Commission are committed to valuing older adults and recognizing their ongoing life achievements, as well as their desires and challenges; and

WHEREAS, the older adults in Placer County play an important role by continuing to contribute experience, knowledge, wisdom, and accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, many of our older adults are active community members involved in volunteering, mentorship, arts and culture, and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the successes of community elders encourages their ongoing participation and further accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, our community can provide opportunities to allow older citizens to continue to flourish by:

- Emphasizing the importance of elders and their leadership by publicly recognizing their continued achievements,
- Recognizing older adults' desires to remain independent, age with dignity, be in charge of their lives and their health, be engaged in their communities, and to make a positive impact in the lives of others,
- Presenting opportunities for older Americans to share their wisdom, experience, and skills,
- Recognizing older adults as a valuable asset in strengthening American communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT the Placer County Board of Supervisors does hereby declare May, 2015 as Older Americans' Month in Placer County. We urge every citizen to take time this month to recognize older adults and the people who serve and support them as powerful and vital citizens who greatly contribute to the community.

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