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Sample Proclamation

Support from a mayor or governor can raise community awareness about Older Americans Month. Use the proclamation template below to request public recognition by your local government officials.

# Older Americans Month 2017

A Proclamation

**Whereas,** [community, area, or organization] includes older Americans who richly contribute to our community; and

**Whereas,** we acknowledge that what it means “to age” has changed—for the better.

**Whereas,** [community, area, or organization] is committed to supporting older adults as they take charge of their health, explore new opportunities and activities, and focus on independence; and

**Whereas,** [community, area, or organization] can provide opportunities to enrich the lives of individuals of *all ages* by:

* involving older adults in the redefinition of aging in our community;
* promoting home- and community-based services that support independent living;
* encouraging older adults to speak up for themselves and others; and
* providing opportunities for older adults to share their experiences.

**Now therefore,** [I/we] of [city/town, state] do hereby proclaim May 2017 to be Older Americans Month. [I/we] urge every resident to take time during this month to acknowledge older adults and the people who serve them as influential and vital parts of our community.

Dated this [day] day of [month], 2017

[Name of person/entity approving proclamation]

[Seal, if applicable]