

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

PROCLAMATION NO. _____

Proclaiming May 2017 as Older Americans Month in Multnomah County, Oregon.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

a. We are living longer and healthier lives. Approximately one in five people will be over age 65 by 2030 and we need to work together to find creative solutions to ensure we can all thrive as we age and that we harness this opportunity.

b. As we age, we gather momentum through the build-up of experiences and insights. This momentum can add power and force to moving our communities forward.

c. Seventeen percent of people aged 65 and over are employed full time and seventeen percent are business owners in our county.

d. Annually, volunteers over age 65 in our community invest tens of thousands of hours in community-based centers, non-profit organizations, faith-communities, and in homes across the county.

e. Investments in public structures like health care, transportation and housing have a compounding effect as people age, making county programs crucial for building a more just community for people of all ages.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

1. May is Older American's Month (OAM), a time to celebrate the perennial contributions of older adults to the nation. The 2017 theme is Age Out Loud, and in May we will take the opportunity to raise awareness about issues facing older adults, highlight the way older Americans are advocating for themselves, their peers, and their communities; and the ways government is supporting their efforts.

ADOPTED this 18th day of May, 2017.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

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