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Proclaiming May 2024 as Older Americans Month and May 16, 2024, as Older Americans Recognition Day in Los Angeles County

For 59 years, Los Angeles County has designated May as Older Americans Month to honor, celebrate, and acknowledge its older adult residents. They play a vital role in our communities by sharing their experience, wisdom, and talents as caregivers, volunteers, mentors, and more.

Their contributions are deeply valued by Los Angeles County, which recognizes and thanks them for enriching our lives and neighborhoods. Particularly commendable is their ongoing commitment to community service. This year’s theme, "Powered by Connection," underscores the importance of meaningful relationships and social connections on our well-being.

The past four years have seen older adults facing increased social isolation and loneliness due to pandemic-related restrictions. Given the importance of social connectedness, we applaud our older adult community for not only reintegrating into society despite recent challenges but also their civic leadership to make our neighborhoods more vibrant.

As our population ages, fostering social engagement and participation among
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older adults results in positive outcomes for both them and the broader community. Their continued involvement in building strong communities benefits us all, promoting independence, inclusion, and overall well-being.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Proclaim the month of May 2024 as Older Americans Month, May 16, 2024, as Older American's Recognition Day, and adopt the attached proclamation;
2. Direct the Aging and Disabilities Department to coordinate with the appropriate County departments and the Los Angeles County Commission for Older Adults (LACCOA), to organize the 59th Annual Older Americans Recognition Day Awards Program and Reception to be held Thursday, May 16, 2024, at the Los Angeles Music Center, Dorothy Chandler Pavilion; and
3. Waive parking fees in the amount of \$6,000, excluding the cost of liability insurance, for approximately 300 vehicles on May 16, 2024, at the Music Center garage, Lot 14, for attendees of this event.

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“OLDER AMERICANS RECOGNITION MONTH”

May 2024

WHEREAS, for the past fifty-nine years the month of May has been proclaimed Older Americans Month; and

WHEREAS, the national theme for this year’s program is “Powered by Connection”; and

WHEREAS, older adults play a critical role in our communities and are valuable members of society; and

WHEREAS, older adult residents reinvest their resources in their communities through sharing their wisdom, talents and time with others; and

WHEREAS, older adult volunteers work with our youth, assist with the homeless, support food pantries, advocate on behalf of nursing home patients, deliver and serve meals to the elderly, provide transportation to the frail, and work in community hospitals; and

WHEREAS, through these activities and others, our older adult population continues to make meaningful and significant contributions that benefit the lives of the Los Angeles County residents; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles that the month of May is declared Older Americans Month, and that Thursday, May 16, 2024, is designated Older Americans Recognition Day and all residents are urged to participate in honoring these honorable residents.

Dated: April 9, 2024

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