

Older Americans Month Sample Proclamation

May is Older Americans Month. You can help your organization or local jurisdiction celebrate this month by using this template to create and adopt your own Older Americans Month 2012 proclamation. This year's theme is *Never Too Old to Play!*

Older Americans Month 2012 A Proclamation

Whereas, (INSERT COMMUNITY/ORGANIZATION NAME) includes (INSERT NUMBER OF OLDER ADULTS IN YOUR COMMUNITY/ORGANIZATION) citizens aged 60 and older; and

Whereas, (INSERT COMMUNITY/ORGANIZATION NAME) is committed to helping all individuals maintain their health and independence in later life; and

Whereas, the older adults in (INSERT COMMUNITY NAME) have an important role in sharing knowledge, wisdom, and understanding of the history of our community through interactions with children, youth, and adults from other generations; and

Whereas, the fruits of knowledge and experience can be effectively transferred from generation to generation through meaningful social interactions; and

Whereas, their interactions with family, friends, and neighbors across generations enrich the lives of everyone involved; and

Whereas, our community can provide opportunities to enrich citizens young and old by:

- Emphasizing the value of including elders in public and family life
- Creating opportunities for older Americans to interact with people of different generations
- Providing services, technologies, and support systems that allow older adults to participate in social activities in the community

Now Therefore, (I/WE) of (CITY/TOWN) (STATE) do hereby proclaim May 2012 to be Older Americans Month. (I/WE) urge every citizen to take time this month to engage with our older citizens through enjoyable social interactions such as sports, games, contests, and other forms of play.

Dated this _____ day of (MONTH), 2012

(Name of body approving proclamation)

By _____