

Older Americans Month Sample Proclamation

Use this sample Older Americans Month proclamation as a template to create your own proclamation for Older Americans Month 2010. This year's theme is *Age Strong! Live Long!*

Older Americans Month 2010 A Proclamation

Whereas, (INSERT COMMUNITY NAME) is a community that includes (INSERT NUMBER OF OLDER ADULTS IN YOUR COMMUNITY) citizens aged 60 and older; and

Whereas, the older adults in (INSERT COMMUNITY NAME) are among of our most "treasured resources," united by historical experiences, strengthened by diversity, and interpreting events through varied perspectives and backgrounds to bring wisdom and insight to our community; and

Whereas, increasing numbers of adults are reaching retirement age and remaining strong and active for longer than ever before; and

Whereas, the older adults in (INSERT COMMUNITY NAME) deserve recognitions for the contributions they have made and will continue to make to the culture, economy, and character of our community and our nation; and

Whereas, our community can provide that recognition and respect by improving the quality of life for older Americans by:

Increasing their opportunities to remain active and engaged in community life;

Providing individualized services and support systems to maintain the dignity, independence, and self-determination of older Americans as they age;

Combating ageist attitudes by honoring their past, present, and future contributions;

Now Therefore, (I/WE) of (CITY/TOWN) (STATE) do hereby proclaim May 2010 to be Older Americans Month. (I/WE) urge every citizen to take time this month to honor our older adults and the professionals, family members, and volunteers who care for many of them. Our recognition and involvement of older Americans can enrich our entire community's quality of life.

Dated this _____ day of (Month), 2010

(Name of body approving proclamation)

By _____