



Agenda Memorandum

Agenda Item – {{section.number}}.B.

City Council Meeting
May 12, 2025



Strategic Priority 2: Community Empowerment and Engagement

Enhance the sense of community and connection in Westminster through engaging methods of communication and dialogue that improve accessibility, increase understanding, and encourage participation in civic and City life.



Strategic Priority 3: Community Health and Safety

Invest in innovative and collaborative approaches to provide a continuum of services that preserve, promote, and protect the health, safety, and environment of Westminster.

Subject: Proclamation Designating May as Older Americans Month

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Recommended City Council Action:

Councillor Ireland will present the Proclamation designating the month of May as Older Americans Month.

Summary Statement:

- Older Americans Month was established in 1963 when only about 17 million Americans reached their 65th birthday.
- Two years later, in 1965, Lyndon B. Johnson passed the Older Americans Act of 1965 and formally declared May as Older Americans Month.
- The 2025 theme, Flip the Script on Aging, focuses on transforming how society perceives, talks about, and approaches aging. It encourages individuals and communities to challenge stereotypes and dispel misconceptions.
- A representative from the Seniors Resource Center will be present to receive the proclamation.

Fiscal Impact:

\$0 in expenditures

Source of Funds:

Not applicable

Policy Issue(s):

Should City Council proclaim May as Older Americans Month?

Alternative(s):

City Council could not proclaim the month of May as Older Americans Month. This is not recommended because older Americans are a growing population who contribute their time, wisdom, and experience to the community.

Background Information:

In 1963, President John F. Kennedy and members of the National Council of Senior Citizens met to address the growing concerns of America's 17 million individuals ages 65 and older. At the time, one-third of all seniors lived in poverty with few social programs available to help support them. Two years later, in 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson passed the Older Americans Act of 1965 and formally declared May as Older Americans Month. Johnson took Kennedy's proclamation and intentions a step further by taking action that resulted in positive change, financial assistance, and federal support for older Americans.

The theme for Older Americans Month 2025 is Flip the Script on Aging. Individuals and communities are encouraged to challenge stereotypes and dispel misconceptions surrounding aging. Older Americans Month is an opportunity to honor older adults' contributions, explore opportunities for staying engaged as we age, and highlight the opportunities for purpose, exploration, and connection that come with aging.

The Seniors Resource Center (SRC) is a community partner with the mission of helping older adults stay safe, healthy, and independent in their homes. SRC helps area seniors live a rich and rewarding life while remaining independent. They provide vital services, including the Adult Day Program, in-home care, chores services, and much more.

The City's Strategic Plan priorities of Community Empowerment and Engagement and Community Health and Safety are met by celebrating older Americans, supporting services and engagement opportunities, and recognizing the many contributions of older Americans.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments:

Proclamation for Older Americans Month