

DENVER CITY COUNCIL



Proclamation No. 25-0750 Recognizing May as Older Americans Month

WHEREAS, the City and County of Denver is home to a growing population of older adults who enrich our city through their diverse life experiences, wisdom, and contributions through their engagement in civic life; and

WHEREAS, older adults play an active role in volunteerism, mentorship, caregiving, leadership, the workforce, and across every facet of community life; and

WHEREAS, each May, communities across the nation celebrate Older Americans Month to honor and recognize the positive impact that older adults have on their communities; and

WHEREAS, when the first Older Americans Month was recognized in 1963, one-third of older Americans lived in poverty and nearly half did not have health insurance. Through social service programs like Social Security and Medicare, the country ultimately raised many older Americans out of poverty; and

WHEREAS, during a time when we are facing threats to these foundational social service programs, it is more important than ever to affirm the rights of older Americans to live, work, and participate in their communities with dignity; and

WHEREAS, we know that we can all help to enrich the lives of individuals of every age by promoting home and community-based services that support independent living, involving older adults in community planning, events and other activities, and by providing opportunities for older adults to work, volunteer, learn, lead and mentor; and

WHEREAS, the City and County of Denver is committed to building an inclusive and supportive environment where people of all ages can thrive, with particular attention to the well-being, dignity, respect, caring, and independence of older residents; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the value and contributions of older adults helps strengthen intergenerational connections and foster a more compassionate and resilient community.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE DENVER CITY COUNCIL:

Section 1. That the Denver City Council does recognize May as Older Americans Month in Denver and calls upon all residents to join in honoring older adults, appreciating their legacy, and supporting opportunities for engagement, independence, and quality of life at every age.

Section 2. That the Clerk and Recorder of the City and County of Denver shall affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to the Denver Commission on Aging.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL May 19, 2025

PRESIDENT

