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May 7, 2026

BCC Agenda Item: _____

Board of County Commissioners
Clackamas County

Approval of a Proclamation to Declare May 2026 as Older Americans Month. No fiscal impact.

Previous Board Action/Review: No Previous Board Action

Performance Clackamas: Safe, Secure, and Livable Communities

Counsel Review: N/A

Contact Person: Denise Swanson

Procurement Review: N/A

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Older Americans Month raises awareness of older Americans' contributions in our community while highlighting aging trends and reaffirms the County's commitment to serving older adults. This year's theme, "Champion Your Health," focuses on prevention, wellness, and personal responsibility as cornerstones of healthy aging. It encourages older adults to take an active role in their health — advocating for themselves, accessing preventive care, and making informed decisions that support independence.

Historically, Older Americans Month has been a time to acknowledge the contributions of past and current older persons to our country. Clackamas County is home to more than 420,000 residents. In 2022, residents 65 years and older made-up 19 percent of the county population. The county's fastest growing population is adults aged 60 years and older. Between 2010 and 2022, the number of residents aged 60 years and older increased by 55%. By 2050, residents 65 years and older are projected to make up 25% of the Clackamas County population, increasing the demand for older adult services.

Clackamas County Social Services Division (SSD), as the designated Area Agency on Aging (AAA), administers federal, state and locally funded programs. SSD provides some services directly and contracts with local organizations for others, including a network of ten senior centers to deliver services to residents throughout the county. Senior Centers serve as a critical hub for community connection, nutrition services, information and referral, evidence-based health promotion activities, and transportation. In the prior fiscal year, over 200,000 meals were delivered to home-bound older adults while another 50,000 lunches were served at senior centers in the county. The county's senior centers and the Aging and Disability Resource Connection team at SSD provided information and referral service for nearly 6,000

residents in the county.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff respectfully request that the Board of County Commissioners declare May 2026 Older Americans Month and authorize Chair Roberts or his designee to sign on behalf of Clackamas County.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Rumbuagh".

Mary Rumbuagh
Director of Health, Housing, and Human Services

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY, STATE OF OREGON

Proclamation In the Matter of Older Americans Month 2026



Board Order No.

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WHEREAS, May is Older Americans Month, a time for us to recognize and honor Clackamas County older adults and their immense influence on every facet of American society; and

WHEREAS, through their wealth of life experience and wisdom, older adults guide our younger generations and carry forward abundant cultural and historical knowledge; and

WHEREAS, older Americans improve our communities through intergenerational relationships, community service, civic engagement, and many other activities; and

WHEREAS, communities benefit when people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds have the opportunity to participate and live independently; and

WHEREAS, Clackamas County must ensure that older Americans have the resources and support needed to stay involved in their communities — reflecting our commitment to inclusivity and connectedness;

NOW THEREFORE, the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners do hereby order May 2026 be recognized as Older Americans Month. We call upon all residents to join us in recognizing the contributions of our older citizens and promoting programs and activities that foster healthy aging, connection, inclusion, and support for older adults.

DATED this 7th day of May, 2026

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chair

Recording Secretary