



MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Board Session Agenda Review Form

Meeting date: Wednesday, May 22, 2019

Department: Board of Commissioners Agenda Planning Date: 05/16/19 Time required: 3 min.

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TITLE In the matter of proclaiming the month of May 2019 as Older Americans Month in Marion County.

Issue, Description & Background NorthWest Senior & Disability Services has proclaimed May 2019 as Older Americans Month to honor the growing number of older adults who enrich our community through their diverse life experiences. Marion County is invited to proclaim May 2019 as Older Americans Month and to urge residents to take the time during the month to recognize older adults and the people who serve them as vital to our community.

Financial Impacts: None

Impacts to Department & External Agencies None

Options for Consideration: 1. Proclaim the month of May 2019 as Older Americans Month in Marion County. 2. Do not proclaim the month of May 2019 as Older Americans Month in Marion County.

Recommendation: Proclaim the month of May 2019 as Older Americans Month in Marion County.

List of attachments: Proclamation

Presenter: Judi Richards Charles Richards

Copies of completed paperwork sent to the following: (Include names and e-mail addresses.)

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

FOR MARION COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Recognizing)
May 2019 as Older Americans)
Month in Marion County)

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the citizens of Marion County include numerous older Americans who enrich and strengthen our community; and

WHEREAS, Marion County is committed to engaging and supporting older adults, their families, and caregivers and acknowledging their many ongoing valuable contributions to society; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the importance of taking part in activities that promote physical, mental, and emotional well-being, no matter ones age; and

WHEREAS, Marion County can enrich the lives of older individuals in our community by:

- Promoting home and community-based services that support independent living;
- Involving older adults in community events and other activities; and
- Providing opportunities for older adults to work, volunteer, learn, lead, and mentor.

NOW THEREFORE, the Marion County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim May 2019 as Older Americans Month.

We urge residents to take time during this month to recognize older adults and the people who serve them as vital parts of our community.

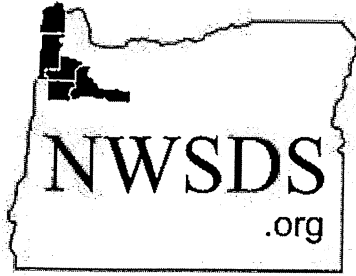
SIGNED and DATED this 22nd day of May, 2019 at St. Paul, Oregon.

MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Kevin Cameron, Chair

Commissioner

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Thursday, April 4, 2019

Dear Marion County Commissioners,

We are writing to you on behalf of all seniors in Marion County to request that you make an official proclamation recognizing May 2019 as Older Americans Month. We are making this request as residents of Marion County and as members of NorthWest Senior and Disability Services' Advisory Councils.

Older adults continually make a positive impact in and around our County. As volunteers, employees, employers, educators, mentors, advocates, and more, they offer insight and experience that benefit the entire community. That's why Older Americans Month has been recognizing the contributions of this growing population for 56 years.

Every May, the Administration for Community Living leads our nation's observance of Older Americans Month. The 2019 theme of Connect, Create, Contribute, encourages older adults and their communities to:

- Connect with friends, family, and services that support participation.
- Create by engaging in activities that promote learning, health, and personal enrichment.
- Contribute time, talent, and life experience to benefit others.

We believe that communities that support and recognize older adults are stronger, which is why we invite you to join us in strengthening our community this May. Attached please find a sample proclamation for your convenience. If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact our Council Coordinator Zaira Flores Marin at zaira.flores@nwsds.org or 503-304-3451. The official proclamation can be mailed to Po Box 12189, Salem, Or 97303 (Attention: Zaira Flores Marin).

On behalf of our councils and older adults, we thank you for your time and help in recognizing May as Older Americans Month.

Respectfully,

Ruth McEwen,
Senior Advisory Council Chair

Judi Richards,
Disability Services Advisory Council Chair

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