



RESOLUTION

CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS - A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

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RECOGNIZING MAY 2026 AS OLDER ADULTS MONTH IN THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS

- Whereas: The City of Minneapolis is home to a diverse community of older adults who deserve recognition for their lifetime contributions to ensure a better life for future generations; and
- Whereas: The City of Minneapolis is committed to being a premier location for older adults, helping all individuals thrive in the communities of their choice for as long as possible; and
- Whereas: In 2015, the City of Minneapolis was the first city in the State of Minnesota to receive the Age Friendly Community designation from AARP in partnership with the World Health Organization; and
- Whereas: More than 100,000 people in Minneapolis are over the age of 50 or 30 percent of the City’s population. The projection from the State of Minnesota’s Demographer’s Office predicts this population segment will continue to grow; and
- Whereas: To raise awareness of the problems facing seniors and to honor them, then-President Kennedy proclaimed May as Senior Citizen Month. Two years later, in 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson passed the Older Americans Act of 1965 and formally declared May as Older Americans Month. Currently, the nation continues to observe Older Americans Month (OAM); and
- Whereas: The City of Minneapolis, continues to celebrate voices and contributions of our diverse community of older adults together in May 2026 and beyond; and
- Whereas: The City created the Minneapolis Senior Citizen Advisory Committee in December 1981 to ensure our older adults have a voice in our City government. In 2015, the committee was reestablished as the Minneapolis Advisory Committee on Aging and is the lead committee for our City’s Minneapolis for a Lifetime: Age Friendly Action Plan; and
- Whereas: The City will continue to provide opportunities to enrich the lives of individuals for all ages by promoting and engaging in activity, wellness, and social inclusion, emphasizing home and community-based services that support independent living, and ensuring community members of all ages benefit from the contributions and experiences of older adults;

—NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED—

That the Mayor and City Council do hereby recognize May 2026 as Older Adults Month in the City of Minneapolis. We urge every resident to take time this month to celebrate older adults and the people who serve and support them as powerful and vital individuals who greatly contribute to the community.

Passed this the Seventh Day of May 2026

Elliott Payne, President of the Council

Approved:

Jacob Frey, Mayor

Attest:

Casey Joe Carl, City Clerk