

Mecklenburg County

North Carolina

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg County is a community where more than 150,000 residents are aged 60 and older; and

WHEREAS, the older adults in Mecklenburg County are the roots from which our community grows, who bestow gifts of wisdom, experience and insight upon younger generations, and strengthen the bonds between neighbors to create a better place to live; and

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg County includes a thriving community of older Americans who deserve recognition for their contributions and sacrifices to ensure a better life for future generations; and

WHEREAS, Older Americans Month provides an opportunity to raise awareness of the importance of community engagement as a tool for enhancing the well-being of older adults and making the benefits of community living a reality for more older Americans; and

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg County Age-Friendly Committee is committed to helping all individuals live longer, healthier lives in the communities of their choice for as long as possible; and

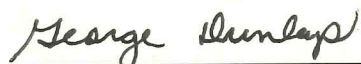
WHEREAS, older Americans are working longer, trying new things, and engaging in their communities. They are taking charge, striving for wellness, focusing on independence, and advocating for themselves and others.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners, in conjunction with the national observance of Older Americans Month with the theme "*Connect, Create, Contribute*," does hereby proclaim May 2019 as

"OLDER AMERICANS MONTH"

in Mecklenburg County and urges all residents to take time to honor and celebrate older adults and the people who serve and support them as powerful and vital individuals who greatly contribute to our community.

This the 7th day of May 2019.



George Dunlap, Chair
Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners

