

Mecklenburg County

North Carolina

Proclamation

WHEREAS, May is Older Americans Month, a time for us to recognize and honor Mecklenburg County's 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, Age-Friendly Mecklenburg renews commitment as a community-wide initiative to enhance the quality of life for older adults and facilitate opportunities for aging individuals to remain active, informed, supported, and connected; and

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg County acknowledges the individuals who serve aging communities as essential members of the community that strive to help and enhance quality of life for all ages, including older adults and their caregivers; and

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

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg County commits to reducing food insecurity, hunger, and social isolation for seniors 60 years of age and older through its Congregate, Home-Delivered, and Mobile Market program services.

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

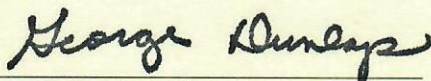
WHEREAS, This year's theme, "**Powered by Connection**," emphasizes the profound impact of meaningful interactions and social connection on the well-being and health of older adults in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners encourages people of all ages to celebrate the connection of resilience and does hereby proclaim May 2024 as

“OLDER AMERICANS MONTH”

to honor those who are essential contributors to the strength of our community. We call upon all residents to join us in recognizing the contributions of our older citizens and promoting programs and activities that foster connection, inclusion, and support for older adults.

This 16th day of April 2024



George R. Dunlap, Chair,
Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners

