



A Tradition of Stewardship  
A Commitment to Service

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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Alice Hughey for Nancy Johnson - Director  
Housing and Intergovernmental Affairs

**REPORT BY:** Nelson Cortez, Staff Assistant-BOS - 7072991478

**SUBJECT:** Presentation of a proclamation declaring May 2017 as Older Americans Month in Napa County.

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#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Presentation of a proclamation to Kris Brown, Health and Human Services Agency Deputy Director - Comprehensive Services for Older Adults, and Leanne Martinsen, Executive Director for the Area Agency on Aging - Napa and Solano declaring May 2017 as "Older Americans Month" in Napa County.

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In 1963, President John F. Kennedy designated May as Senior Citizens Month, encouraging the nation to pay tribute in some way to older people across the country. The theme for this year's celebration is "Age Out Loud." Older Americans Month creates the opportunity to raise awareness about important issues facing older adults. The theme this year is intended to give aging a new voice - one that reflects what today's older adults have to say about aging.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

**BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

The proclamation designates the month of May as "Older Americans Month" in Napa County. Older adults in Napa County and throughout the nation are an increasing population with evolving needs. Older adults are a vital part of our community, and entitled to dignified, independent lives free from fears, myths, and misconceptions about aging. The increasing number of "baby boomers" reaching traditional retirement age highlights the need for increased support of older adults. The purpose of this proclamation is to call upon Napa County residents and interested groups to observe the month with appropriate ceremonies and activities that promote awareness of Older Americans. The 2017 Older Americans Month's theme is "Age Out Loud." With this proclamation, we hope to shine a light on many important trends. More than ever before, older Americans are working longer, trying new things, and engaging in their communities.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

A . Proclamation

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Molly Rattigan