



City of Woodland

REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

DATE: May 20, 2008

SUBJECT: Older Americans Month

Report in Brief

The City of Woodland has been asked by the Senior Center to proclaim May 2008 as Older Americans Month in the City.

It is recommended that Council adopt a Proclamation declaring May 2008 as Older Americans Month.

Background

The Council has issued a Proclamation on an annual basis, for this recognition. However, it is a relevant issue that should be considered and approved.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Council adopt a Proclamation declaring May 2008 as Older American's Month.

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Attachment: Proclamation

City of Woodland

PROCLAMATION - OLDER AMERICANS MONTH MAY 2008

WHEREAS, we urge everyone to take time this May to honor our older adults and the professionals, family members, and citizens who care for older adults. We urge all citizens and our community to work collaboratively to strengthen the services Woodland provides to its older adults in ways that recognize the changing nature of their needs, and that provide older adults with more opportunities to make informed choices about their lives. Our efforts can improve the lives of our older citizens and help pave the way for future generations. The US Administration on Aging has selected as this year's theme, "Working Together for Strong, Healthy, and Supportive Communities"; and,

WHEREAS, Woodland is a community in which 8,130 citizens age 60 or older make their home; and

WHEREAS, older adults in Woodland and throughout the U.S. are a growing population with evolving needs; and

WHEREAS, older Americans are valuable members of our society who are rich with experience and deserving of our respect; and

WHEREAS, the number of Baby Boomers reaching traditional retirement age continues to increase, a fact that spotlights the need for increased attention to the needs of older adults; and

WHEREAS, our older citizens of today and tomorrow promise to be among the most active and engaged older adult populations in our Nation's history; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of this and all U.S. communities to work together and prepare for changing older adult populations by modernizing systems of care and providing consumers with more control over their lives; and

WHEREAS, overall quality of life can be greatly enhanced when supportive communities help their older citizens obtain:

*Approaches to making behavioral changes that can reduce risk of disease, disability, and injury.

*Tools to make informed decisions about, and gain better access to, existing health and long-term care options.

*More options to avoid placement in nursing homes and remain at home as long as possible.

WHEREAS, the Woodland Senior Center will be hosting a 'Senior Resource Fair' & 'Step Out' event on Wednesday, May 14, 2008.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Woodland, does hereby proclaim May 2008 as "***Older Americans Month***".

Dated this 20th day of May 2008.

David M. Flory, Mayor

Marlin H. Davies, Vice-Mayor

William L. Marble, Council Member

Jeff W. Monroe, Council Member

Artemio Pimentel, Council Member