



City of Woodland

REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

DATE: May 19, 2009

SUBJECT: Proclamation – Older Americans Month

Report in Brief

Each year the Commission on Aging has requested that the Council acknowledge Woodland's seniors by proclaiming May 2009 as **Older Americans Month**. Commissioners Don Campbell and Vice-Chairperson Regan Overholt will be present to receive the Proclamation.

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a Proclamation declaring May 2009 as Older Americans Month.

Background

The City Council has shown their support for **Older Americans Month** for eighteen years through the issuance of a Proclamation in each of those years. This is the opportunity for the Council to recognize older adults who have helped shape our country.

Public Contact

Posting of the City Council Agenda.

Recommendation for Action

Staff recommends that the City Council issue a Proclamation declaring May 2009 as Older Americans Month.

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Attachment: Proclamation

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PROCLAMATION

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH - MAY 2009

WHEREAS, we urge everyone to take time this May to honor our older adults and the professionals, family members, and citizens who care for them. 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 U. S. Administration on Aging has selected as this year's theme, '*Living Today for a Better Tomorrow*'; and,

WHEREAS, Woodland is a community in which 8,130 citizens age 55 and over make their home; and,

WHEREAS, older adults in Woodland and throughout the nation are an increasing population with evolving needs; and,

WHEREAS, older Americans are valuable members of our society who enhance our communities and personal lives; and,

WHEREAS, the increasing number of baby boomers reaching traditional retirement age highlights the need for increased support of older adults; and,

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

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of this and all U.S. communities to work collaboratively to address older adults' unique health and long-term care challenges; and,

WHEREAS, it is crucial that communities modernize systems of care to help empower older Americans and give them more control over their own lives; and,

WHEREAS, communities can improve older citizens' overall quality of life by helping them make behavioral changes in their lifestyles that can reduce the risk of disease, disability, and injury; obtain the tools they need to make informed decisions about, and gain better access to, existing health and long-term care options in their communities; have more options to avoid placement in nursing homes and remain at home as long as possible.

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Woodland does hereby proclaim May 2009 as "*Older Americans Month*".

Dated this 19th day of May 2009

Marlin H. Davies, Mayor

Artemio Pimentel, Vice-Mayor

Martie L. Dote, Council Member

William Marble, Council Member

Jeff W. Monroe, Council Member