



City of Woodland

REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

DATE: May 18, 2010

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 2010 as Older Americans Month.

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a Proclamation declaring May 2010 as Older Americans Month.

Background

The City Council has shown their support for Older Americans Month for nineteen 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 2010 as Older Americans Month.

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Attachment: Proclamation

Older Americans Month

May 2010

A Proclamation

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 US Administration on Aging has selected as his year's theme, '*Living Today for a Better Tomorrow*' and

WHEREAS, Woodland is a community in which approximately 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, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Woodland does hereby proclaim May 2010 as "*Older Americans Month*".

Dated this 18th day of MAY 2010

Artemio Pimentel, Vice-Mayor

Jeff Monroe, Council Member

Bill Marble, Council Member

Martie Dote, Council Member

Marlin H. "Skip" Davies, Mayor