

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, May is Older Americans Month, a time for us to recognize and honor South Carolina'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, communities benefit when people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds have the opportunity to participate and live independently; and

WHEREAS, South Carolina must ensure that seniors have the necessary resources and support to remain an active part of their communities, showcasing our commitment to inclusivity and connectedness; and

WHEREAS, with the theme *Powered by Connection*, the 2024 observance of Older Americans Month emphasizes the profound impact of meaningful interactions and social connection on the well-being and health of older adults in our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 2024 as

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the contributions of our older citizens and promote programs and activities that foster connection, inclusion, and support for older adults.



HENRY McMASTER
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA