

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS, South Carolina's senior population continues to steadily grow and is expected to number nearly two million by the year 2035; and
- WHEREAS, helping all individuals maintain their health and independence in later life is a priority in the Palmetto State; and
- WHEREAS, South Carolina is stronger when residents support our older community members by promoting independence, inclusion, and participation; and
- WHEREAS, older South Carolinians play a vital role in transferring knowledge, wisdom, and understanding of the history of our communities through interactions with children, youth, and adults; and
- WHEREAS, meaningful social interactions with family, friends, and neighbors across generations offer an opportunity for elders to share the fruits of their knowledge and experience, enrich the lives of everyone involved; and inspire others; and
- WHEREAS, connecting with others plays a vital role in our health and well-being, both individually and in our communities; and
- WHEREAS, with the theme *Age My Way*, the 2022 observance of Older Americans Month focuses on ways to help build an even better community for our older residents by planning programs that encourage independence, ensuring activities are responsive to individual needs and preferences, and by increasing access to services that support aging in place.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 2022 as

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to honor our seniors and recognize the vital role they play in communities across the Palmetto State.



HENRY McMASTER
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA