

## MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

### PROCLAMATION NO. 14

Proclaiming the Month of May 2025 as Older Americans Month

#### **Multnomah County Finds:**

- A. Multnomah County's older adults and elders have helped build and shape the community through contributing their time, wisdom and experience. The national theme for Older Americans Month 2025 is Flip the Script on Aging. It encourages individuals and communities to challenge stereotypes and dispel misconceptions. Reference: <https://acl.gov/oam/2025/older-americans-month-2025>
- B. Challenging negative assumptions and stereotypes about aging affirms our commitment to support older adults, emphasizing the many positive aspects of aging and embracing the diversity of our residents.
- C. Area Agencies on Aging coordinate and provide an array of traditional and innovative services to all people 60 years and older, regardless of income, both at home and in the community. Their aim is to allow older adults to age in place aided by services such as home-delivered meals, housekeeping assistance, health promotion classes, and access to legal advice.
- D. Multnomah County's Aging, Disability and Veterans Services Division, as the designated Area Agency on Aging, along with its network of partners, provide access to Older Americans Act programs and services that reflect and affirm the many people, cultures and languages of older adults and elders in our community.
- E. Older adults and elders across Multnomah County access federally funded Older Americans Act and Medicaid services through the 24/7 Aging and Disability Resource Connection Helpline and website, six Medicaid Long Term Services and Supports offices, five District Senior Centers, and eighteen contracted providers, eight of which are Enhancing Equity partners.
- F. Multnomah County is an Age-Friendly Communities leader in the state and was the first Oregon county to be designated as Age-Friendly by the World Health Organization and AARP, demonstrating our commitment to creating an inclusive and supportive environment for older adults.

#### **Multnomah County Proclaims:**

May 2025 is Older Americans Month, a time to recognize that we all benefit when people of all ages, abilities, backgrounds, and identities have the opportunity to grow old and determine their own path as they age. Consistent with this year's national theme,

"Flip the Script on Aging," we ask people in Multnomah County to recognize and celebrate older adults and elders in their communities.

**SIGNED this 7th day of May, 2025.**

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