

CITY OF NAPA
PROCLAMATION

Recognizing the Month of May as Older Adults Month
May 2023

WHEREAS, the recognition of the month of May as Older Adults Month dates back to 1963 when John F. Kennedy formally recognized the month as a way to honor older Americans and celebrate their contributions to our communities and our nation; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, the theme of Older Adults Month is “Aging Unbound” and offers an opportunity to explore diverse aging experiences and discuss how communities can combat stereotypes; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, the population of people aged 65 and over is expected to grow from 35 million in 2000 to 88.5 million by 2050, taking the total share from 12 percent to 20 percent of the total population; and

WHEREAS, in Napa County, during the past five years alone the under age 18 population has decreased by 10%, while the 65 and older population has increased 14% in that same short period; and

WHEREAS, the City of Napa recognizes the increasing growth of the aging population and acknowledges the numerous social and economic benefits to building a community that is inclusive and meets the changing needs of residents as they age; and

WHEREAS, the City of Napa continues to work to assess and improve accessibility for and the inclusion of older adults and persons with disabilities to become a more livable, age-friendly community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Napa is committed to providing safe, walkable streets; age-friendly housing and transportation options; access to needed services; and opportunities for residents of all ages to participate in community life.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Scott Sedgley, Mayor of the City of Napa, along with the City Council, do hereby recognize **May 2023 as “Older Adults Month”** in the City of Napa and call upon all residents to celebrate Older Adults and support initiatives and opportunities to create an age-friendly community.

Dated: May 2, 2023

SCOTT SEDGLEY, MAYOR
CITY OF NAPA