

# AAA Committee Recommendation Report

## Report to the AAA Board

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From: ☒ Staff

### History/Related Actions



Around the nation, older adults make their marks every day as volunteers, employees, employers, parents, grandparents, mentors, and advocates. They offer their time, talents, and experience to the benefit of our communities.

For 57 years, Older Americans Month (OAM) has been a special time to recognize these contributions. Led by the Administration for Community Living (ACL) each May, OAM also provides resources to help older Americans stay healthy and independent, and materials to help communities support and celebrate their citizens.

This year's OAM theme, *Make Your Mark*, highlights older adults' unique and lasting contributions to their communities—everything from sharing a story with grandchildren to leaving a legacy of community action. In the spirit of this theme, ACL provided a proclamation template (see draft). It is offered for AAA Board approval and then submitted to the Dane County Board of Supervisors for final approval.

### Financial/Budget/Other Resource Implications (if any)

None

### Recommendations

To approve the attached draft proclamation concerning Older Americans Month and submit the approved version to the Dane County Board of Supervisors for final approval and presentation.

### Attachments/Links

OAA Proclamation DRAFT

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### *Recognizing May as Older Americans Month*

WHEREAS Dane County includes a growing number of older Americans who make countless contributions to our community every day; and

WHEREAS Dane County is stronger when people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds are included and encouraged to make their mark; and

WHEREAS Dane County recognizes the importance of the physical, mental, social, and emotional well-being of its citizens; and

WHEREAS Dane County can support our community members by:

- promoting independence, inclusion, and participation;
- engaging older adults through education, recreation, and service; and
- connecting people with opportunities to share their time, experience, and talents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Dane County recognizes May 2020 as Older Americans Month and urges every resident to recognize older adults and the people who support them as essential members of our community.