

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Seattle is home to more than 129,600 residents age 60 or older who enrich our community through their diverse abilities and life experiences; and

WHEREAS, older Americans have built resilience and strength over their lives through successes and difficulties—including an extremely challenging year of restrictions and precautions due to a worldwide pandemic known to take its greatest toll on older adults; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle recognizes our need to nurture ourselves, reinforce our strength, and continue to thrive in times of both joy and difficulty; and

WHEREAS, we can foster communities of strength by creating opportunities to share stories and learn from each other; engaging older adults through education, recreation, and service; and encouraging people of all ages to celebrate connections and resilience; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle has committed to strengthening our community by connecting with and supporting older people, their families, and caregivers, as evidenced by the creation of Age Friendly Seattle, an initiative to make our city a great place to grow up and grow old; and

WHEREAS, through Age Friendly Seattle and long-standing programs such as Seattle Human Services Department's Aging and Disability Services division, Seattle Department of Neighborhoods community-building programs, and Seattle Parks and Recreation programs supporting people age 50 and better and people living with memory loss, we enhance the lives of families; and

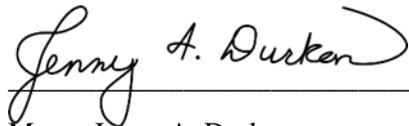
WHEREAS, our nation has recognized May as Older Americans Month since 1965—a time to acknowledge the contributions of past and current older people to our country; and

WHEREAS, the national theme for Older Americans Month 2021 is "Communities of Strength;"

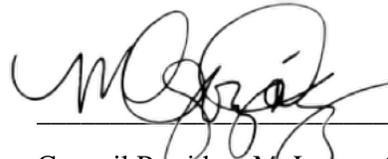
NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor of Seattle and Seattle City Council do proclaim May 2021 as

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH IN SEATTLE

We encourage all Seattle residents to take time this month to connect with older family members, friends, neighbors, and colleagues; encourage their ongoing physical, mental, and emotional wellbeing; and support them as essential contributors to the strength of our community.



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