



# The City of Minneapolis

## A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

By **Johnson, Reich, Gordon, Frey, Yang, Warsame, Goodman, Glidden, Cano, Bender, Quincy, A. Johnson and Palmisano**

### **Recognizing May 2015 as Older Americans Month in the City of Minneapolis.**

**Whereas**, the City of Minneapolis includes a thriving community of older Americans who deserve recognition for their contributions and sacrifices to ensure a better life for future generations; and

**Whereas**, the City of Minneapolis is committed to helping all individuals live longer, healthier lives in the communities of their choice for as long as possible; and

**Whereas**, more than 30 percent of the City of Minneapolis' population is currently age 50 and older, and the projection from the State of Minnesota's Demographer's Office predicts this population segment will continue to grow; and

**Whereas**, in 2013 the City Council of the City of Minneapolis adopted the Minneapolis for a Lifetime Framework and its strategies and objectives to implement the vision where: The City of Minneapolis is a premier location for older residents and visitors offering comprehensive housing options, easy access to all places and amenities, healthy and safe environments, and opportunities for civic engagement, leisure, entertainment and lifelong learning.

**Whereas**, since 1965, the Older Americans Act has provided services that help older adults remain healthy and independent by complementing existing medical and health care systems, helping prevent hospital readmissions, and supporting some of life's most basic functions, such as bathing or preparing meals; and

**Whereas**, these programs also support family caregivers, address issues of exploitation, neglect and abuse of older adults, and adapt services to the needs of Native American elders; and

**Whereas**, we recognize the value of community engagement and service in helping older adults remain healthy and active, including the services and programs offered at the UCare Skyway Senior Center; and

**Whereas**, our community can provide opportunities to enrich the lives of individuals of all ages by:

- Promoting and engaging in activity, wellness, and social inclusion
- Emphasizing home- and community-based services that support independent living
- Ensuring community members of all ages benefit from the contributions and experience of older adults

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis** hereby declares May 2015 to be Older Americans Month. We urge every resident to take time this month to celebrate older adults and the people who serve and support them as powerful and vital individuals who greatly contribute to the community.

Passed, May 1, 2015

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Barbara Johnson, President of the Council

Approved:

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Betsy Hodges, Mayor

Attest:

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Casey Carl, City Clerk