



Legislation Text

File #: 22-0305, **Version:** 1

Health and Human Services Agency, on behalf of the El Dorado County Commission on Aging, recommending the Board:

- 1) Adopt and authorize the Chair to sign a Proclamation recognizing May 2022 as “Older Americans Month” in El Dorado County;
- 2) Present a certificate to each Senior of the Year nominee, mentioning, as noted on the certificate, their primary contribution to the community; and
- 3) Announce the 2022 County of El Dorado Senior of the Year, and present the award to the nominee selected by the Commission on Aging to receive this honor.

FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND:

Each May, the Administration for Community Living leads our nation’s celebration of Older Americans Month. When Older Americans Month was established in 1963, only 17 million living Americans had reached their 65th birthday, about one-third of older Americans lived in poverty, and there were few programs to meet their needs. Interest in older Americans and their concerns grew, and at a meeting in April 1963 between President John F. Kennedy and members of the National Council of Senior Citizens, May was designated as “Senior Citizens Month,” the prelude to “Older Americans Month.”

This year’s theme is “Age My Way: May 2022,” which is an opportunity for all of us to explore the many ways older adults can remain in and be involved with their communities.

Each year, in honor of Older Americans Month, the public is invited to nominate a senior they believe has made a significant contribution to the local community, to be considered for designation as El Dorado County Senior of the Year. A panel of Commission on Aging members reviews the nominations and awards this prestigious title to the nominee they believe, based on information presented in the nomination, best demonstrates selfless dedication to serving their fellow County residents and the community at large. A special award is presented annually to the senior selected to receive this honor, and the deserving nominees each receive a certificate in recognition of their contributions to the community. The presentation of the award is scheduled for May 17, 2022.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board could decline to adopt the Proclamation.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION:

- 1) 04/21/21, 21-0706, HHSA Older Americans Month Proclamation
- 2) 05/19/20, 20-0334, HHSA Older Americans Month Proclamation
- 3) 05/21/19, 19-0518, HHSA Older Americans Month Proclamation
- 4) 05/22/18, 18-0188, HHSA Older Americans Month Proclamation

OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

N/A

CAO RECOMMENDATION:

Approve as recommended.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact associated with this Agenda item.

CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

- 1) Clerk of the Board to obtain the Chair's signature on one (1) Proclamation.
- 2) Clerk of the Board to return the signed Proclamation to the HHSA Contracts Unit at 3057 Briw Road.

STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENT:

N/A

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