

# *Proclamation*

## May 2026 Older Americans Month

**Whereas,** May is Older Americans Month, a time for us to recognize and honor the City of Smithville's older adults and the value they bring to every facet of our society; and

**Whereas,** through their wisdom and wealth of life experiences older adults make immeasurable contributions to the community through intergenerational relationships, community service, civic engagement, and many other activities; and

**Whereas,** communities benefit when people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds have the opportunity to participate and thrive; and

**Whereas,** the City of Smithville must ensure that older Americans have the resources and support needed to stay independent and involved in their communities — reflecting our commitment to inclusivity and connectedness; and

**Now, therefore,** I, Damien Boley, Mayor of the City of Smithville, Missouri, do hereby proclaim May 2026 as Older Americans Month. This year's theme, "Champion Your Health," highlights the importance of prevention, wellness, and taking charge of your own health as you age.

I, Mayor Damien Boley call upon all residents to join me in recognizing the value and contributions of our older citizens and promoting programs and activities that help them to live longer, healthier lives with dignity and independence – while ensuring that all the members of our community have the opportunity to age safely and successfully!

**PROCLAIMED THIS 5<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY 2026**

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Damien Boley, Mayor

