



Proclamation May is Older Americans Month 2023

Whereas, the City of Smithville includes a growing number of older Americans who contribute their time, wisdom, and experience to our community; and

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

Whereas, the City of Smithville recognizes the need to create a community that offers the services and supports older adults may need to make choices about how they age; and

Whereas, the City of Smithville can work to build an even better community for our older residents by:

- Not limiting our thinking about aging,
- Exploring and combating stereotypes,
- Emphasizing the many positive aspects of aging,
- Inspiring older adults to push past traditional boundaries, and
- Embracing our community's diversity.

Now, therefore, I, Damien Boley Mayor of the City of Smithville do hereby proclaim May 2023 to be Older Americans Month. I urge every resident to celebrate our older citizens, help to create an inclusive society, and accept the challenge of flexible thinking around aging.

Dated this 2nd day of May 2023



By _____
Damien Boley, Mayor