

Older Americans Month 2024 A Proclamation

Whereas, River Forest, Illinois is a community that includes over 2,800 citizens aged 60 and older;

Whereas, the older adults in River Forest, Illinois are among our most "treasured resources", united by historical experiences, strengthened by diversity, and interpreting events through varied perspectives and backgrounds to bring wisdom and insight to our community;

Whereas, increasing numbers of adults are reaching retirement age and remaining strong and active for longer than ever before; and

Whereas, the older adults in River Forest, Illinois deserve recognition for the contributions they have made and will continue to make to the culture, economy, and character of our community and our nation; and

Whereas, our community can provide that recognition and respect by improving the quality of life for older Americans by:

- Increasing their opportunities to remain active and engaged in community life;
- Providing individualized services and support systems to maintain the dignity, independence, and self-determination of older Americans as they age;
- Combating ageist attitudes by honoring their past, present and future contributions.

Now Therefore, the Township of River Forest, Illinois, joins with the federal Administration on Aging (AoA) to hereby proclaim May 2024 to be Older Americans Month. We urge every citizen to take time this month to honor our older adults and the professionals, family members, caregivers and volunteers dedicated to serving older adults. Our recognition and involvement of older Americans can enrich our entire community's quality of life.

Dated this 9th day of April, 2024.

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Supervisor, River Forest Township