

RESOLUTION  
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Education, Veterans, & Aging  
Services Committee  
INITIATED BY



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**PROCLAIMING OLDER AMERICANS MONTH**

1 **WHEREAS**, Rock County is a community in which 17,000 citizens age 60 and older make their home;  
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4 **WHEREAS**, older adults in Rock County and throughout the U.S. are a growing population with  
5 evolving needs; and  
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7 **WHEREAS**, older Americans are valuable members of our society who are rich with experience and  
8 deserving of our respect; and  
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10 **WHEREAS**, the number of baby boomers reaching traditional retirement age continues to increase, a fact  
11 that spotlights the need for increased attention to the needs of older adults; and  
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13 **WHEREAS**, our older citizens of today and tomorrow promise to be among the most active and engaged  
14 older adult populations in our Nation's history;  
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16 **WHEREAS**, it is the responsibility of this and all U.S. communities to work together and prepare for  
17 changing older adult populations by modernizing systems of care and providing consumers with more  
18 control over their lives; and  
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20 **WHEREAS**, overall quality of life can be greatly enhanced when supportive communities help their  
21 older citizens obtain:  
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23 Evidence-based approaches to making behavioral changes that can reduce risk of disease,  
24 disability, and injury.  
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26 The tools to make informed decisions about, and gain better access to, existing health and long-  
27 term care options.  
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29 More options to avoid placement in nursing homes and remain at home as long as possible.  
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31 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors do hereby  
32 proclaim May 2021 to be Older Americans Month. We urge everyone to take time this May to honor  
33 our older adults and the professionals, family members and citizens who care for older adults. We urge  
34 all citizens/communities to work collaboratively to strengthen the services Rock County provides to its  
35 older adults in ways that recognize the changing nature of their needs, and that provide older adults  
36 with more opportunities to make informed choices about their lives. Our efforts can improve the lives  
37 of our older citizens and help pave the way for future generations.  
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Respectfully submitted,

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