

## Older Americans Month May 2022 A PROCLAMATION

**Whereas,** Franklin County includes a growing number of 14,794 older Americans who contribute their strength, wisdom, and experience to our community; and

Whereas, communities' benefit when people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds are welcomed, included, and supported; and

**Whereas,** Franklin County recognizes our need to create a community that provides the services and supports older Americans need to thrive and live independently for as long as possible; and

Whereas, Franklin County can work to build an even better community for our older residents by:

- Planning programs that encourage independence.
- Ensuring activities are responsive to individual needs and preferences.
- Increasing access to services that support aging in place.

Now, therefore, the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County, Washington, do hereby proclaim May 2022 to be Older Americans Month. We urge every resident to recognize the contributions of our older citizens, help to create an inclusive society, and join efforts to support older Americans' choices about how they age in their communities.

Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2022

Board of Franklin County Commissioners

Chair\_\_\_\_\_

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Member\_\_\_\_\_