

## Staff Report

**Date:** May 13, 2025  
**To:** Douglas County Board of County Commissioners  
**Through:** Douglas J. DeBord, County Manager  
**From:** Jennifer L. Eby, AICP, Director of Community Services  
**CC:** Jennifer A. D'Ambrosio, Community Programs Coordinator  
Allison E. Cutting, Supervisor, Community Services  
Rand M. Clark, CCAP, NCRT, Assistant Director of Community Services  
**Subject:** Resolution Proclaiming May 2025 as Older Americans Month in Douglas County

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**Board of County Commissioners' Business Meeting****May 13, 2025 @ 1:30 p.m.**

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### **I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

May is recognized nationwide as Older Americans Month. The Douglas County Older Adult Initiative Executive Committee requests that the Board of County Commissioners proclaim May 2025 as Older Americans Month in Douglas County, to honor the contributions of older adults and highlight the opportunities for purpose, engagement, and connection that come with aging.

### **II. REQUEST**

The Douglas County Older Adult Initiative Executive Committee requests that the Board of County Commissioners proclaim May 2025 as Older Americans Month in Douglas County.

### **III. BACKGROUND**

Established in 1963, Older Americans Month is celebrated each May. Led by the Administration for Community Living, this national observance honors the contributions of older adults, highlights trends in aging, and reaffirms our commitment to supporting and serving older Americans. Older Americans Month offers an opportunity to recognize that older adults are not defined by limitations or stereotypes, but by strength, vibrancy, and the ability to adapt and inspire.

### **IV. RECOMMENDED ACTION**

On behalf of the older residents of Douglas County and the Older Adult Initiative Executive Committee, staff recommends approval of the Resolution Proclaiming May 2025 as Older Americans Month by the Board of County Commissioners.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

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**RESOLUTION NO. R-**

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS,  
COLORADO**

**A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 2025 AS OLDER AMERICANS' MONTH**

WHEREAS, Douglas County, Colorado values the knowledge, resilience, and experience of its older residents, who enrich our communities through volunteerism, mentorship, and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, Douglas County recognizes the 2025 national theme, "Flip the Script on Aging," which encourages a shift in how we view aging—highlighting the vibrancy, strength, and continued potential of our older population; and

WHEREAS, Douglas County is committed to promoting safety, independence, and well-being for older adults by supporting accessible services, age-friendly initiatives, and programs that encourage active aging and lifelong participation in the community; and

WHEREAS, Douglas County encourages residents of all ages to challenge outdated stereotypes about aging and to foster a culture that respects, includes, and supports older adults in every facet of community life; therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, STATE OF COLORADO, in conjunction with the Douglas County Older Adult Initiative, hereby proclaims May 2025 as **Older Americans Month** in Douglas County, and calls upon all residents to:

- Celebrate the contributions of older adults in our community.
- Rethink assumptions about aging and recognize its opportunities.
- Support efforts that ensure the safety, security, and well-being of older residents.
- Encourage programs and policies that promote active aging and lifelong participation.
- Work together to build an inclusive, age-friendly Douglas County for all generations.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of May 2025, in Castle Rock, Douglas County, Colorado.

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, COLORADO**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Abe Laydon**  
**Chair, Board of County Commissioners**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Hayley Hall**  
**Clerk to the Board**