

# Resolution Staff Report

**Date:** May 12, 2026  
**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 2026 as Older Americans Month in Douglas County

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**Board of County Commissioners’ Business Meeting**

**May 26, 2026 @ 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 2026 as Older Americans Month in Douglas County, to honor the contributions of older Americans and highlight the County’s commitment to empowering older adults to make informed, proactive decisions about their health, independence, and overall well-being.

## **II. REQUEST**

The Douglas County Older Adult Initiative Executive Committee requests that that the Board of County Commissioners proclaim May 2026 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 highlights the importance of supporting and serving older Americans. The 2026 theme, “Champion Your Health,” encourages older adults to take an active role in their well-being through prevention, wellness, and informed decision-making. Older Americans Month offers an opportunity to recognize the resilience and vibrancy of older adults and honor their role in making proactive decisions about how they wish to age, maintain their health, stay connected, and preserve the independence and dignity they value.

## **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 2026 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 2026 AS OLDER AMERICANS' MONTH**

WHEREAS, Older Americans Month, established in 1963 and led nationally by the Administration for Community Living, is celebrated each May as a time to recognize the contributions of older Americans, highlight aging trends, and reaffirm our commitment to supporting older adults in our communities; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 theme, "Champion Your Health," emphasizes prevention, wellness, and personal responsibility as essential components of healthy aging, encouraging older adults to take an active role in their well-being by accessing preventive care, making informed choices, advocating for their needs, and engaging in activities that support lifelong independence; and

WHEREAS, Douglas County's Older Adult Initiative (OAI) reflects and advances the County's commitment to helping older residents age on their own terms by coordinating supports that enhance housing safety, improve access to in-home assistance, ensure reliable transportation to medical and community activities, and expand awareness of local resources - empowering older adults to make proactive decisions about how they wish to age, maintain their health, stay connected, and preserve the independence and dignity they value; and

WHEREAS, Douglas County accomplishes this work in close coordination with its valued community organizations and partner providers, whose collaboration ensures that older adults have the tools, services, and supports they need to "Champion Your Health" throughout every stage of aging.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Douglas County, Colorado, hereby proclaims **May 2026 as Older Americans Month** and encourages all residents to recognize, support, and celebrate older adults by promoting programs, actions, and community efforts that strengthen health, independence, and well-being.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of May 2026, in Castle Rock, Douglas County, Colorado.

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

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**George Teal**  
**Chair, Board of County Commissioners**

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