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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Presentation of a proclamation declaring May 2023 as Older Americans Month in Napa County

RECOMMENDATION

Presentation of a proclamation to Kris Brown, Deputy Director of Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) Comprehensive Services for Older Adults (CSOA) and Elaine Clark, Director of Napa/Solano Area Agency on Aging (N/S AAA) declaring May 2023 as "Older Americans Month (OAM)" in Napa County.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This proclamation is being presented as part of the County's participation in OAM and its commitment to promote the importance of enjoying independence for older Americans. OAM is recognized throughout the United States during the month of May. This is a time to acknowledge the contributions and achievements of older Americans, highlight important trends and strengthen our commitment to honor our older community members. This year's theme is "Aging Unbound".

FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

County Strategic Plan pillar addressed: Healthy, Safe, and Welcoming Place to Live, Work, and Visit

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California

Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Senior Citizens Month, the prelude to OAM, was established in 1963 to acknowledge the contributions and impact that older Americans, past and current, have had on our country, in particular those who defended our country.

Older adults in Napa County, and throughout the Nation, are an increasing population with evolving needs. They are an essential part of our community and entitled to a dignified, independent life free from fears, myths and misconceptions about aging. The increasing number of "baby boomers" reaching traditional retirement age highlights the need for increased support of older adults.

Napa County calls on its community members and interested groups to observe OAM with appropriate ceremonies, events, fairs, and activities that promote awareness of older Americans. With this proclamation, we shine a light on older Americans that are working longer, trying new things, maintaining their independence, and engaging in their communities.