2015 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 35


Relating to: Designating May as Older Americans Month in Wisconsin.

Whereas, the State of Wisconsin has a thriving community of older Americans who deserve recognition for their contributions and sacrifices to ensure a better life for future generations; and

Whereas, the Wisconsin state legislature is committed to helping all individuals live longer, healthier lives in the communities of their choice for as long as possible; and

Whereas, since 1965, the Older Americans Act has provided services that help older adults remain healthy and independent by complementing existing medical and health care systems, helping prevent hospital readmissions, and supporting some of life's most basic functions, such as bathing or preparing meals; and

Whereas, these programs also support family caregivers, address issues of exploitation, neglect, and abuse of older adults, and adapt services to the needs of Native American elders; and
Whereas, the Wisconsin state legislature recognizes the value of community engagement and service in helping older adults remain healthy and active while giving back to others; and

Whereas, the Wisconsin state legislature encourages opportunities to enrich the lives of individuals of all ages by promoting and engaging in activity, wellness, and social inclusion; emphasizing home-based and community-based services that support independent living; and ensuring that citizens of all ages benefit from the contributions and experience of older adults; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the month of May shall be designated as “Older Americans Month” in Wisconsin.

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