



STATE OF MISSOURI
Proclamation
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri includes close to 1.5 million older adults in Missouri who deserve recognition for their contributions, wisdom, and sacrifices to ensure a better life for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, older Americans improve our communities through intergenerational relationships, community service, civic engagement, and many other activities; and

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri recognizes the need to create communities that offer the services and supports older adults may need to make choices about how they age; and

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri must ensure that older Americans have the resources and support needed to stay involved in their communities – reflecting our commitment to inclusivity and connectedness; and

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri can focus on how society perceives, talks about and approaches aging by:

- Encouraging individuals and communities to challenge stereotypes and dispel misconceptions.
- Honoring older adults' contributions.
- Emphasizing the many positive aspects of aging.
- Exploring the many opportunities for staying active and engaged as we age.
- Highlighting the opportunities for purpose, exploration and connection that comes with aging.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE KEHOE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim May 2025 to be

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

in Missouri and urge every resident to take time this month 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.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 10th day of April 2025.



Michael Kehoe

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GOVERNOR

ATTEST:
Denny Hoskins

SECRETARY OF STATE