



MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Board Session Agenda Review Form

Meeting date: 5/13/2026

Department: Board of Commissioners

Title: Older Americans Month Proclamation

Management Update/Work Session Date: 4/14/2026 Audio/Visual aids

Time Required: 15 min Contact: Alvin Klausen Phone: 5035883563

Requested Action: Consider a proclamation declaring the month of May 2026 as Older Americans Month in Marion County.

Issue, Description & Background: Every month in May, Older Americans Month is recognized across the nation, and honors the older American adults who enrich our communities through their diverse experiences. Marion County has proclaimed May 2026 as Older Americans Month and encourages residents to take time during the month to recognize older adults, and the people who serve them, as vital members of our community.

Financial Impacts: None

Impacts to Department & External Agencies: None

List of attachments: Proclamation honoring Older Americans Month

Presenter: Alvin Klausen

Department Head Signature:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

FOR MARION COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Proclaiming May 2026, as Older Americans Month in Marion County.

PROCLAMATION

This matter came before the Marion County Board of Commissioners at its regularly scheduled meeting on May 13, 2026, to proclaim May 2026, as Older Americans Month in Marion County.

WHEREAS, the citizens of Marion County include numerous older Americans who enrich and strengthen our communities through their wisdom, service, and experience; and

WHEREAS, Marion County is committed to engaging and supporting older adults, their families, and caregivers, and acknowledging their many ongoing valuable contributions to society; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the importance of taking part in activities that promote physical, mental, and emotional well-being, no matter one's age; and

WHEREAS, older Americans continue to play a vital role in our economy, civic life, volunteer networks, faith communities, and families, serving as mentors, leaders, and caretakers across generations; and

WHEREAS, as the United States celebrates the 250th anniversary of our Nation's founding in 2026, we recognize that generations of older Americans have preserved and passed down the lessons, values, and stories of our past so that future generations may thrive in freedom and opportunity; and

WHEREAS, Marion County can enrich the lives of older individuals in our communities by:

- Promoting home and community-based services that support independent living;
- Involving older adults in community events and other activities; and
- Providing opportunities for older adults to work, volunteer, learn, lead, mentor, and share their knowledge with younger generations.

NOW THEREFORE, the Marion County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim May 2026, as Older Americans Month in Marion County.

We urge residents to take time during this month to recognize older adults and the people who serve them as vital members of our communities, and to celebrate the enduring legacy they continue to build for future generations.

DATED at Salem, Oregon this 13 day of May 2026.