

Whereas, during National Older Americans Month, we recognize the vast contributions made by older adults within Salt Lake County, the state of Utah, and the nation;

Whereas, Salt Lake County is the first AARP Age-Friendly Community in Utah, joining a network of over 900 communities supporting healthy aging, community resilience, and inclusivity for people of all ages;

Whereas, the history of Utah cannot be discussed without acknowledging the history and influence of the older adults within Salt Lake County, the State of Utah, and the intermountain region;

Whereas, Salt Lake County is aging 1.3 times faster than the rest of the United States with our older adult population increasing by over 50% between 2010 and 2020;

Whereas, by 2050, one in five Utahns will be over 65 and Salt Lake County is home to 35% of Utah's older adult population;

Whereas, we acknowledge the varied needs and experiences of older adults across different generations, genders, races, incomes, and abilities;

Whereas, we recognize the decades of service, guidance, and leadership contributed by older adults across Salt Lake County;

Whereas, we honor the resilience of those past and present who have overcome many challenges, often in the face of prejudice, in order to live their lives with dignity and grace;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Salt Lake County Council and Salt Lake County Mayor, do hereby recognize and celebrate all the older adults of Salt Lake County during this month set aside to honor them.