

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, there is a growing number of older adults in Mississippi who contribute their strength, wisdom, and experience to our families and throughout our communities; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Department of Human Services' Division of Aging and Adult Services is committed to strengthening our community by connecting with and supporting older adults, their families, and caregivers and acknowledging their many valuable contributions to society; and

WHEREAS, Mississippi recognizes the need to support communities that provide the services and activities older adults need to thrive and live independently for as long as possible; and

WHEREAS, Mississippi can work together to build an even stronger community for our older residents by committing to an age-friendly environment through:

- Planning programs that encourage independence,
- Ensuring activities are responsive to individual needs and preferences, and
- Increasing access to services that support aging in place.

WHEREAS, May 2022 has been designated nationally as Older Americans Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tate Reeves, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim May 2022 to be

OLDER AMERICANS' MONTH

and urge every resident to recognize the contributions of our older citizens, help to create an age-friendly Mississippi, and join efforts to support older Mississippians' choices about how they age in their communities.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, on the 2nd day of May in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-sixth.

Handwritten signature of Tate Reeves in blue ink.

TATE REEVES
GOVERNOR