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DELAWARE STATE SENATE  
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 131

RECOGNIZING MAY 2024 AS "OLDER AMERICANS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

1 WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services created the federal Administration for  
2 Community Living, and every May, the Administration for Community Living leads the nation's observance of Older  
3 Americans Month; and

4 WHEREAS, 19 percent of the State of Delaware's population is age 65 and older and the population of older  
5 individuals is steadily increasing; and

6 WHEREAS, by 2050, every county in our State is projected to have a population with at least 40 percent of its  
7 residents over the age of 50, with more than 20 percent of those individuals being age 65 and older; and

8 WHEREAS, older individuals contribute their strength, wisdom, and experience to our community in many ways;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, communities benefit when people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds are welcomed, included, and  
11 supported; and

12 WHEREAS, the focus of this year's Older Americans Month is "Aging Unbound," which offers an opportunity to  
13 explore diverse aging experiences and discuss how communities can combat stereotypes; and

14 WHEREAS, research indicates older individuals generally prefer to remain in in their own homes as they age, and  
15 that remaining at home and within the community is associated with better health outcomes, and higher levels of life  
16 satisfaction and self-esteem; and

17 WHEREAS, there is a need to create a community that provides the services and supports that older Americans  
18 need to thrive and live independently for as long as possible; and

19 WHEREAS, a better community for our older residents can be built by planning programs that encourage  
20 independence, ensuring activities are responsive to individual needs and preferences, and increasing access to services that  
21 support aging in place; and

22 WHEREAS, the General Assembly has taken steps toward building a better community for our older  
23 Delawareans, including by establishing the Aging-in-Place Working Group, which released its final report on April 29,  
24 2022 about its investigation of the State’s current home- and community-based service infrastructure and recommendations  
25 to achieve successful aging-in-place; and

26 WHEREAS, older Americans contribute to our community and celebration of Older Americans Month honors  
27 these contributions.

28 NOW, THEREFORE:

29 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 152nd General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the House of  
30 Representatives concurring therein, that May 2024 is hereby recognized as “Older Americans Month” in the State of  
31 Delaware.

SYNOPSIS

This Senate Concurrent Resolution recognizes May 2024 as "Older Americans Month" in the State of Delaware.

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