

1 [Older Americans Month]

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3 **Resolution recognizing the month of May 2004 as Older Americans Month in San**  
4 **Francisco and encouraging all San Franciscans to promote and participate in activities**  
5 **and services that contribute to the health, welfare, and independence of older citizens.**  
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7 WHEREAS, Older Americans are among our greatest treasures, providing invaluable  
8 links to the past, and wise counsel for the future; and,

9 WHEREAS, The gift of longevity will ensure that today's and tomorrow's seniors will  
10 continue to make significant contributions to our families by giving of themselves freely and by  
11 sharing their wisdom and experience; and

12 WHEREAS, It is important to acknowledge the contributions that older individuals have  
13 made to our economic well-being, in our communities, and in the workplace, through civic  
14 leadership and mentoring; and,

15 WHEREAS, An expanding elder population will profoundly impact every facet of our  
16 lives including redefining our ideas of work, retirement and leisure, altering our housing and  
17 living arrangements, challenging our health care systems, reshaping our economy, and  
18 altering social and public policy; and,

19 WHEREAS, The opportunities and challenges that await as this new chapter in human  
20 history begins requires continued commitment to the goal of ensuring that our senior citizens  
21 enjoy active, productive, and healthy lives, and do so independently, safely, and with dignity  
22 for as long as they choose; and,

23 WHEREAS, It is appropriate that the City and County of San Francisco join the state of  
24 California, the nation and designate the month of May as a time to celebrate the contributions  
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1 of older Americans and to rededicate our efforts to better serve American elders now,  
2 therefore, be it

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4 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco recognizes May 2004 as  
5 Older Americans Month; and that the Board of Supervisors encourages all San Franciscans  
6 to honor elder adults during this month and this year, and to promote and participate in  
7 activities and services that contribute to the health, welfare, and independence of our older  
8 citizens.

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