



County of Hanover

Board Meeting: May 13, 2015

Subject: Adoption of Proclamation – Older Americans Month

**Summary of
Agenda Item:** It is requested that the Board of Supervisors adopt the attached proclamation
proclaiming May as Older Americans Month in the County of Hanover, Virginia.

**County
Administrator's
Recommended
Board Motion:** A motion to adopt the proclamation

DRAFT PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS Hanover County, Virginia, includes a thriving community of older Americans who deserve recognition for their contributions and sacrifices to ensure a better life for future generations; and

WHEREAS Hanover County is committed to helping all individuals live longer, healthier lives in the communities of their choice for as long as possible; and

WHEREAS every citizen is urged to celebrate older adults and the people who serve and support them as powerful and vital individuals who greatly contribute to the community; and

WHEREAS since 1965, the Older Americans Act and other programs have provided services that help older adults remain healthy and independent by complementing medical and health care systems, helping prevent hospital readmissions, and supporting some of life's most basic functions, such as bathing or preparing meals; and

WHEREAS the programs provided by Hanover Department of Community Resources, Hanover Rides, Senior Connections, and The Capital Area Agency on Aging support family caregivers, address access to service, provide volunteer engagement opportunities, work to prevent neglect and abuse of older adults and adapt services to the needs of diverse citizens; and

WHEREAS Hanover County recognizes the value of community engagement and service in helping older adults remain healthy and active while giving back to others; and

WHEREAS the Hanover community provides opportunities to enrich the lives of individuals of all ages by:

- Promoting opportunities for activity, wellness, and social inclusion.
- Emphasizing home and community-based services that support independent living.
- Ensuring community members of all ages benefit from the contributions and experience of older adults.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors for Hanover County, Virginia, does hereby proclaim May to be Older Americans Month.