

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, Seattle is a community that includes 96,111 adults age 60+ and
- WHEREAS, older adults in Seattle constitute some of our most valuable resources, bringing their varied perspectives, backgrounds, and life experiences to enhance our community; and
- WHEREAS, more and more adults are reaching retirement age yet remaining vital and active far longer than previously; and
- WHEREAS, older adults in Seattle deserve recognition, honor, and respect for all they have contributed to our community and nation – and for all they will continue to contribute; and
- WHEREAS, our community is well served by acknowledging their good work and improving their quality of life by:
- Ensuring their access to everyday activities, including commuting to work, visiting family members, and traveling to medical appointments;
 - Enhancing their participation in community life through access to public transportation and volunteer transportation programs;
 - Providing tailored services and an array of support systems to ensure that older Americans maintain their independence, dignity, self esteem and self determination as they age;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michael McGinn, Mayor of the City of Seattle
do hereby proclaim May 8-11, 2010 to be

Older American Recognition Days

in the City of Seattle and urge every citizen to honor our older adults and the professionals, family members, and volunteers who care for many of them.

By recognizing their value and their place in our community we can
enrich everyone's quality of life.



Michael McGinn
Mayor

