



Proclamation

Whereas, Whatcom County includes approximately 39,000 citizens ages 60 and older; and

Whereas, Whatcom County is committed to helping all individuals live longer, healthier lives; and

Whereas, the older adults in Whatcom County have made countless contributions and sacrifices to ensure a better life for future generations; and

Whereas, we recognize the value of injury prevention and safety awareness in helping older adults remain healthy and active; and

Whereas, our community can provide opportunities to enrich the lives of individuals young and old by:

- Emphasizing the need to take action to safeguard themselves from unintentional injuries where they live, work and socialize.
- Providing information on avoiding leading causes of injury for older adults – falls, motor vehicle-related incidents, suffocation, medication overdose, and fire/burns.
- Helping older adults take control of their safety and wellbeing.

Now therefore, I, Jack Louws, County Executive do hereby proclaim May 2014 to be

Older Americans Month

and I encourage every resident to take time this month to recognize older adults and the people who serve and support them as powerful and vital individuals who greatly contribute to the community.

Dated this 1st day of May, 2014.



Jack Louws
Whatcom County Executive

