



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Minnesota is home to nearly 902,000 citizens 60 years of age and older; and
- WHEREAS: In Minnesota and the United States, older adults are a growing population with evolving needs; and
- WHEREAS: Older Americans are valuable members of our society who are rich in experience and deserving of our respect; and
- WHEREAS: The number of Minnesotans reaching traditional retirement age continues to increase, highlighting the need for increased attention to the needs of older adults; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota is a leader in volunteerism and "communities for a lifetime." Area Agencies on Aging collaborate with communities, counties, cities, and the private sector to promote community vitality; and
- WHEREAS: It is the responsibility of all states and communities to work together to prepare for the changing needs of older adult populations by modernizing systems of care and providing consumers with more control over their lives; and
- WHEREAS: All Minnesotans can improve their quality of life by adopting behavioral and lifestyle changes to reduce the risk of disease, disability, and injury; by obtaining information and tools to evaluate and obtain health and long-term care options; and by finding opportunities to be in their communities through paid and unpaid work, civic engagement, and intergenerational support and mentoring.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM PAWLENTY, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2010, to be:

## OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 28th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and ten, and of the State the one hundred fifty-first.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE