



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Minnesota is home to more than 650,000 citizens 60 years of age and older; and

WHEREAS: The older citizens of Minnesota represent a dramatic trend in our nation's demographic make-up; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota is a leader in volunteerism and "communities for a lifetime," and Area Agencies on Aging collaborate with communities, counties, cities, and the private sector to promote community vitality; and

WHEREAS: Older citizens are valued and important members of our communities and continue to invest, volunteer their time, teach us to live with dignity, and address challenges with ingenuity; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota's older citizens are diverse and respected and continue to contribute to our nation's social and economic well-being; and

WHEREAS: The opportunities and challenges that lie ahead require us to think differently about health and long-term care and to rebalance and modernize our current systems so that we may adequately plan for and address the needs of current and future generations; and

WHEREAS: Older Minnesotans are entitled to live lives of dignity and independence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM PAWLENTY, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2007 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 1st day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and seven, and of the State the one hundred forty-eighth.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE

*Mark Schultz*

*Tim Pawlenty*