WHEREAS, the city of DeKalb includes a growing number of older Americans who have built resilience and strength over their lives through successes and difficulties; and

WHEREAS, the city of DeKalb benefits when people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds are included and encouraged to share their successes and stories of resilience; and

WHEREAS, the city of DeKalb recognizes the need to nurture ourselves, reinforce our strength, and continue to thrive in times of both joy and difficulty; and

WHEREAS, the city of DeKalb can foster communities of strength by creating opportunities to share stories and learn from each other, engaging older adults through education, recreation, and service, and encouraging people of all ages to celebrate connections and resilience.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Cohen Barnes, Mayor of the City of DeKalb, Illinois, do hereby proclaim May 2021 to be Older Americans Month and urge every resident to recognize older adults and the people who support them as essential contributors to the strength of our community.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of DeKalb to be affixed this 24th day of May 2021.

COHEN BARNES, Mayor