



# PROCLAMATION



## OLDER AMERICANS MONTH



**FLIP THE SCRIPT ON AGING: MAY 2025**

**WHEREAS**, each May, our nation celebrates Older Americans Month to honor the countless contributions that older adults have made and continue to make in our communities, workplaces, and families; and

**WHEREAS**, older Americans embody the strength, wisdom, and perseverance that form the foundation of our society, having lived through and contributed to decades of progress and change; and

**WHEREAS**, these individuals continue to enrich our communities through volunteerism, mentorship, civic engagement, and leadership, sharing their talents and life experiences across generations; and

**WHEREAS**, older adults have demonstrated remarkable strength and resilience in overcoming challenges and adversity, adapting to change, and embracing new opportunities to lead fulfilling and meaningful lives; and

**WHEREAS**, ensuring that older adults have access to supportive services, healthcare, affordable housing, transportation, and opportunities for social engagement is essential to fostering a society where people of all ages can thrive; and

**WHEREAS**, Older Americans Month provides an opportunity for individuals of all generations to reflect on the importance of inclusion, respect, and intergenerational connection in strengthening the social fabric of our communities.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Cohen Barnes, Mayor of the City of DeKalb, Illinois, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2025 as Older Americans Month.



**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of DeKalb to be affixed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025.

**COHEN BARNES**  
Mayor