

State of Maine



**WHEREAS**, Maine is fortunate to have over 380,000 people age 60 and over who contribute their strength, wisdom, and experience to our great State; and

**WHEREAS**, the number of older adults in Maine is increasing rapidly and becoming a larger portion of the State's population; and

**WHEREAS**, Maine benefits when people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds participate fully in our society; and

**WHEREAS**, Maine is one of nine states designated as Age-Friendly, and over 130 cities and towns across the State have committed to being lifelong communities for their residents; and

**WHEREAS**, in the midst of a pandemic, 1,289 older adults volunteered 278,783 hours valued at \$7,042,058 in 2021 through Maine's Senior Volunteer Programs; and

**WHEREAS**, Maine's Area Agencies on Aging and their community partners tripled the number of home-delivered meals during the pandemic, to over 1.1 million in 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, an estimated 46,000 family care partners in Maine provided approximately 69,000,000 hours of care worth more than \$1.4 billion in 2021;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2022, as

**Older Americans Month**

throughout the State of Maine, and I urge all Maine citizens to recognize the contributions of older adults to the State of Maine, help to create an inclusive society, and join efforts to support older Americans' choices about how they age in their communities.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed GIVEN under my hand at Augusta this twenty-eighth day of April Two Thousand Twenty-Two

Janet T. Mills  
Governor

Shenna Bellows  
Secretary of State

