

## A PROCLAMATION AUTHORIZING RECOGNITION OF MAY 2022 AS OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

**WHEREAS,** the ten-county Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) region includes a growing number of older Americans who contribute their strength, wisdom, and experience to our community in unique ways; and

**WHEREAS**, the communities in the CAPCOG region benefit when people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds are welcomed, included and supported; and

**WHEREAS,** CAPCOG recognizes the need to create a community that provides services and supports older Americans. CAPCOG Aging Services ensures this support through direct services including nutrition, benefits counseling, in-home services, health and wellness education, ombudsman advocacy for nursing home residents and caregiver respite.

WHEREAS, CAPCOG fosters a community in which older Americans can age their way by:

- Planning programs that encourage older independence.
- Ensuring activities are responsive to individual needs and preferences.
- Increasing access to services that support aging in place.

**THEREFORE,** let it be resolved that the Executive Committee of the Capital Area Council of Governments declares the month of May 2022 to be Older Americans Month in the CAPCOG region to recognize older adults and the people who support them as key to building resilience and connection across the CAPCOG region.

Resolution adopted by the Capital Area Council of Governments Executive Committee on this <u>13th day</u> of April 2022.

Mayor Brandt Rydell, Chair Executive Committee Capital Area Council of Governments Commissioner Debbie Ingalsbe, Secretary Executive Committee Capital Area Council of Governments