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## OLDER AMERICANS MONTH 2023

### A PROCLAMATION

**Whereas**, East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging's service area which includes the counties of Champaign, Clark, Coles, Cumberland, DeWitt, Douglas, Edgar, Ford, Iroquois, Livingston, McLean, Macon, Moultrie, Piatt, Shelby and Vermilion includes a growing number of older Americans who contribute their time, wisdom, and experience to our community; and

**Whereas**, communities benefit when people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds have the opportunity to participate and live independently; and


**Whereas**, East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging recognizes the need to create a community that offers the services and supports older adults may need to make choices how they age; and

**Whereas**, East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging can work to build an even better community for our older residents by:

- Not limiting our thinking about aging,
- Exploring and combating stereotypes,
- Emphasizing the many positive aspects of aging,
- Inspiring older adults to push past traditional boundaries, and
- Embracing our community's diversity.

**Now, therefore**, the Corporate Board of East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging do hereby proclaim May 2023 to be Older Americans Month. We urge every resident to celebrate our older citizens, help to create an inclusive society, and accept the challenge of flexible thinking around aging.



  
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Doug Harlan  
ECIAAA Corporate Board Chairperson  
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