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## Older Americans Month, 1975

*By the President of the United States of America*

### **A Proclamation**

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The first White House Conference on Aging in 1961 produced a Senior Citizens Charter of Rights and Obligations. The second White House Conference on Aging, held in 1971, broadened that recognition and deepened our commitment to providing opportunities to our older citizens for maintenance of income and health and for self-realization and continuing usefulness. It is appropriate to update the Charter in the light of growing knowledge and recognition of the needs and abilities of our older citizens. People of all ages should join in the development of a Declaration of Rights and Obligations of Older Persons so that it can be proclaimed as part of our Bicentennial celebration.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GERALD R. FORD, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the month of May 1975 as Older Americans Month. I urge everyone to participate in the efforts to achieve the goal of proclaiming a new Declaration of Rights and Obligations for Older Persons, which can become a rallying point for our Nation during the Bicentennial year of 1976 and a guide to action during the years ahead.

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The job market and the area of volunteer services provide some of the best opportunities to draw on the strengths and talents of older Americans. Unfortunately, older, and even middle-aged workers, are too often the victims of myth and prejudice regarding their capabilities. Our society needs the know-how, experience, judgment and eagerness to serve that these citizens bring to the job.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fifth day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundredth.

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MAY 1, 1975

Office of the White House Press Secretary

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OLDER AMERICANS MONTH, 1975

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

May 22, 1975



MEMORANDUM FOR: ROLAND ELLIOTT  
FROM: MARGUERITE MCAULIFFE  
SUBJECT: Older Americans Month

Please arrange to have the attached letter robotyped to the individuals on the enclosed list.

Thanks very much.

THE WHITE HOUSE

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May 22, 1975



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The President asked that I send you the enclosed duplicate of his Older Americans Month Proclamation as a small remembrance of this occasion. It comes to you with his very best wishes.

Sincerely,

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 30, 1975



MEMORANDUM FOR:

MARGUERITE McAULIFFE

The President has signed a Proclamation entitled:

"Older Americans Month, 1975"

(Month of May 1975)

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