



# State of New York

## Executive Chamber

### Proclamation

Whereas, the month of May is dedicated to honoring older adults for contributions made to family, friends, communities, and our state and nation; and

Whereas, according to the 2010 United States Census, the number of people 65 years and older is currently the largest in history, in both size and percentage of the total population; and

Whereas, the 3.7 million older New Yorkers constitute a sizable segment of our state's population; offering their experience and energy, many older adults continue to be part of the workforce or contribute as community volunteers, foster grandparents, mentors, school aids, emergency service workers, or participants in other areas of civic and social life; and

Whereas, this year's theme for Older Americans Month is "Unleash the Power of Age," encouraging older people to stay engaged and involved with their families and communities by offering time, effort, ability, and a wealth of knowledge; and

Whereas, reaching out to older adults and encouraging their involvement in communal life enriches our communities and strengthens the social fabric of our state and nation; and

Whereas, New York State recognizes and appreciates today's older adults who are enjoying longevity, independence, and community involvement, and who represent a vital network, contributing to building stronger communities;

Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim May 2013 as

## OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

and May 7, 2013 as

## OLDER NEW YORKERS APPRECIATION DAY

in the Empire State.



Given under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State at the Capitol in the City of Albany this sixth day of May in the year two thousand thirteen.

Governor

Secretary to the Governor