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, there are more than 3.7 million older New Yorkers who 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 "Safe Today. Healthy Tomorrow," which focuses on injury prevention among older people and efforts to protect them and keep them safe, healthy, and active; older adults are at a higher risk of unintentional injury and, every year, this population receives medical treatment for approximately six million unintentional injuries; and

Whereas, we recognize the value of injury prevention and safety awareness for older adults, and individuals of all ages are encouraged to learn about ways they can avoid the leading causes of unintentional injuries, such as falls; and

Whereas, New York State recognizes and appreciates today's older adults who are enjoying safer, longer, and healthier lives, and are part of a vital network of active and involved individuals who contribute to building stronger communities;

Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim May 2014 as

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

and May 6, 2014 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 thirtieth day of April in the year two thousand fourteen.

Governor

Secretary to the Governor