



# PROCLAMATION

## *Older Americans Month*

*WHEREAS, Older Americans Month is a month-long observance in the United States devoted to celebrating older Americans and their contributions and raising awareness about issues related to age and aging; and*

*WHEREAS, Older Americans Month was established in 1963 between President John F. Kennedy and members of the National Council of Senior Citizens designating May as “Senior Citizens Month,” the prelude to “Older Americans Month”; and*

*WHEREAS each May is observed across the nation as Older Americans Month, a time to recognize and celebrate senior programs and services and the many important contributions of seniors to our communities; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Imperial Beach celebrates the talents and experience of all older people, including those who contribute to the life of our community by sharing wisdom, friendship, work, and volunteerism that supports their families, friends, and community; and*

*WHEREAS the older adults in Imperial Beach play an important role by continuing to contribute experience, knowledge, wisdom, and accomplishments; and*

*WHEREAS, our older adults improve our community through community service, civic engagement, and other activities; and*

*WHEREAS, recognizing the success of community elders encourages their ongoing dedication, participation, and accomplishments; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Imperial Beach has been recognized as an Age-Friendly Community by adopting an action plan to follow making the community even more equitable and supportive for all ages to help keep Imperial Beach a great place to grow well and age well; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Imperial Beach is committed to support our older adults by offering activities that promote physical and mental health and foster a sense of community.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED,*** that I, Paloma Aguirre, Mayor of the City of Imperial Beach, California, together with the City Council, do hereby designate the month of May as Older Americans Month and further declare this 21<sup>st</sup> Day of May as “Imperial Beach Seniors Day,” to be so honored annually in the City of Imperial Beach.

*Dated: May 21, 2025*

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*Paloma Aguirre, Mayor*