



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, King County comprises 344,535 residents age 60 or older – including 111,362 who live in Seattle – who have contributed and sacrificed to ensure a better life for future generations and deserve recognition for their contributions to our communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle and King County are committed to helping all individuals live longer, healthier lives in the communities of their choice for as long as possible; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle, King County, and United Way of King County collaborate as sponsors of Aging and Disability Services, the Area Agency on Aging for King County, which coordinates services and provides supports that help older adults remain healthy and independent, complementing existing medical and health care systems, helping to prevent hospital readmissions; and

WHEREAS, our community can encourage residents of all ages to keep active and stay connected, facilitate opportunities for meaningful involvement, and honor the work of those who care for older adults.

NOW, THEREFORE, we proclaim May 2016 to be

Older Americans Month in Seattle and King County

We urge public officials, businesses, neighborhood organizations, volunteers, and every resident of Seattle and King County, Washington to take time this month to acknowledge older adults and the people who serve them as powerful and vital individuals who greatly contribute to our community.

Dated this <u>/st</u> day of May, 2016

Dow Constantine, King County Executive

Ed Murray, Mayor of Seattle