WHEREAS, Seattle is home to more than 111,000 residents age 60 or older; and

WHEREAS, on July 27, 2016, the City of Seattle became an Age-Friendly City; and

WHEREAS, as an Age-Friendly City, Seattle is committed to redefining aging in our community; improving outdoor spaces, buildings, transportation, and housing; and promoting social participation, respect, social inclusion, civic participation, employment, communication, community support and health services for all ages; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2017, the City of Seattle adopted Resolution 31739, committing to specific improvements in areas that influence health and enrich quality of life of our city’s older residents as well as a continuous improvement process to become a more age-friendly city; and

WHEREAS, since 1963, our nation has recognized May as Older Americans Month, a time to acknowledge the contributions of past and current older persons to our country;

WHEREAS, I urge residents to take time during this month to acknowledge older adults and the people who serve them as influential and vital parts of our community, and to embrace the national theme for Older Americans Month 2017, “age out loud” by taking pride in growing older, so that Seattle is and will always be a great city to grow up and grow old;

NOW, THEREFORE I, EDWARD B. MURRAY, MAYOR OF SEATTLE, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM MAY 2017 TO BE

Older Americans Month

Mayor Edward B. Murray
City of Seattle