

PROCLAMATION

- **WHEREAS**, King County is home to more than 668,000 residents age 50 or older 31.5 percent of the population who enrich our community through their diverse life experiences; and
- WHEREAS, King County is committed to strengthening our community by connecting with and supporting older people, their families, caregivers, and the healthcare and social service professionals who support them; and
- WHEREAS, King County's Department of Community and Health Services and Public Health—Seattle & King County represent the County as Area Agency on Aging partners, in collaboration with the City of Seattle and volunteer advocates serving on the Seattle-King County Advisory Council on Aging & Disability Services; and
- **WHEREAS**, in working to protect and improve the health and well-being of all County residents, King County continually seeks to eliminate health disparities and increase the number of healthy years that people live; and
- WHEREAS, since 1963, our nation has recognized May as Older Americans Month, a time to acknowledge the contributions of past and current older people to our country, and the national theme for Older Americans Month 2019 is "Connect, Create, Contribute."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dow Constantine, Executive of King County, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2019 to be

Older Americans Month

in King County. I urge all residents of King County to take time this month to connect with older Americans, to acknowledge their valuable contributions, past, and present; and to encourage their ongoing physical, mental, and emotional well-being.



Dow Constantine
King County Executive