



King County

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Older adults are the fastest growing population in King County, and older adults of every race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, immigration status, ability, and economic background make valuable contributions to our communities; and

WHEREAS, in King County we recognize the wisdom and experience of older adults and our responsibility to ensure that older adults have the opportunity to remain engaged, connected, and included in the communities they helped build; and

WHEREAS, King County's Department of Community and Human Services and Public Health – Seattle & King County serve as partners to the Area Agency on Aging for Seattle and King County administered through the City of Seattle's Human Services Department and work collaboratively to ensure a robust and diverse network of services are available to older adults throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, the Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy (VSHSL) has strengthened King County's role in supporting and providing services for older adults, and has served more than 100,000 seniors across King County; and

WHEREAS, the VSHSL recognizes the essential role of senior centers and has accelerated the transformation of 39 centers into an inclusive network of 22 senior hubs offering geographically and culturally representative spaces; and

WHEREAS, through programs such as Virtual Villages, Kinship Care Supports and Evidence-Based Senior Health Promotion, and community partnerships, the VSHSL promotes healthy, financially stable, and socially engaged lives for older adults.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dow Constantine, Executive of King County, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2023 to be

Older Americans Month

in King County. I encourage all residents to honor the important contributions that older adults of every race, class, and ethnic background make to the progress of our County and nation.



Dow Constantine
King County Executive