

## **Mayor Nancy Smith**

**Whereas**, the City of Maricopa includes a growing number of older Americans who lend their wisdom and experience to our community; and

**Whereas**, it is important to acknowledge the contributions older individuals have made in our communities, to our economic wellbeing, in the defense of our freedoms, and in shaping the character of our nation; and

**Whereas**, our expanding elder population profoundly impacts every facet of our lives, redefining our ideas of work, retirement and leisure, altering our housing and living arrangements, challenging our healthcare systems, reshaping our economy and altering social and public policy; and

**Whereas**, the City of Maricopa wishes to express its appreciation for the contributions of its older residents to the community and to our nation, and recognize that older adults are a vital and growing part of our city; and

**Whereas**, the City of Maricopa joins the national tradition of designating the month of May as a time to celebrate the contributions of older Americans.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Nancy Smith, Mayor of the City of Maricopa, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2023 as **Older Americans Month** in the City of Maricopa and express appreciation for the continuing contributions of the city's older residents to our community.

Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2023

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Nancy Smith, Mayor