

NEW HANOVER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

OLDER AMERICANS' MONTH PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on this 60th anniversary of Older Americans Month, New Hanover County recognizes the invaluable contributions of older adults to our past, present, and future; and

WHEREAS, New Hanover County includes a growing number of older Americans who contribute their time, wisdom, and experience to our community; and

WHEREAS, communities benefit when people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds are welcomed and have the opportunity to participate and live independently; and

WHEREAS, New Hanover County recognizes the need to create a community that offers the services and support for older adults to make choices about how they age; and

WHEREAS, New Hanover County can work to build an even better community for our older residents by:

- Supporting services that promote wellness, encourage independence, and enhance quality of life.
- Exploring and combating stereotypes.
- Emphasizing the many positive aspects of aging.
- Embracing our community's diversity; and

WHEREAS, we urge all residents to celebrate our older citizens, help to create an inclusive society, and accept the challenge of flexible opinions around aging.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the New Hanover County Board of Commissioners that May, 2023 will be recognized as **"Older Americans Month"** in New Hanover County.

ADOPTED this the 15th day of May 2023.



NEW HANOVER COUNTY

William E. Rivenbark
William E. Rivenbark, Chair

ATTEST:

KyMBERLEIGH G. CROWELL
KyMBERLEIGH G. Crowell, Clerk to the Board