

**RECOGNITION OF MAY AS
OLDER AMERICANS' MONTH**

***WHEREAS**, the City of South San Francisco includes a growing number of older Americans who have built resilience and strength over their lives through successes and difficulties; and*

***WHEREAS**, South San Francisco can foster communities of strength by creating opportunities to share stories and learn from each other; engaging older adults through education, recreation, and service; and encouraging people of all ages to celebrate connections and resilience; and*

***WHEREAS**, in addition to the hundreds of seniors served by the Parks and Recreation Department and Library Department through classes, activities, and events, the South San Francisco Parks and Recreation Department's Senior Services Program serves over 500 residents per month through the senior programs offered at the Roberta Cerri Teglia Center, including an Adult Day Care Program that enables frail and/or impaired older adults with disabilities to remain in the community; and*

***WHEREAS**, beginning in August 2022, the City of South San Francisco began working with the Center for Age-Friendly Excellence (CAFÉ) in support of San Mateo County's Age-Friendly Initiative and have now met the qualifications and are a member of the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities; and*

***WHEREAS**, South San Francisco thanks the Age-Friendly Community (AFC) Task Force consisting of older adult community members, advocates, elected leaders, and city staff; to gather feedback on South San Francisco's livability challenges, strengths, and possible solutions as they pertain to the eight domains of age-friendly communities (Transportation, Housing, Social Participation, Civic Engagement and Employment, Respect and Inclusion, Outdoor Spaces and Public Buildings, Communication and Information, and Community Support/Health Services); and identified inaugural projects that touched on the most pressing unmet needs of older adults that emerged from the focus groups.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of South San Francisco do hereby proclaim May 2024 to be Older Americans Month. We urge every resident to recognize older adults and the people who support them as essential contributors to the strength of our community.*

James Coleman, Mayor

Eddie Flores, Vice Mayor

Mark Addiego, Councilmember

Mark Nagales, Councilmember

Buenafior Nicolas, Councilmember