

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 2017 AS OLDER  
AMERICANS MONTH**

**May 17, 2017**

**Introduced by the Health and Human Services Committee**

Commissioner Rogers moved for the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Lautzenheiser.

**WHEREAS**, Eaton County, Michigan includes older Americans who richly contribute to our community; and

**WHEREAS**, we acknowledge that what it means “to age” has changed—for the better.

**WHEREAS**, the Tri-County Office on Aging is the Area Agency on Aging serving Eaton County, whose mission is to promote and preserve the independence and dignity of the aging population; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tri-County Office on Aging provided information, assistance, referrals, health and wellness programs, housing assistance, care management, home delivered meals, and a wide variety of other in-home supports and services to more than 15,000 individuals in Fiscal Year 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, Eaton County, Michigan, as a member of the Tri-County Aging Consortium, is committed to supporting older adults as they take charge of their health, explore new opportunities and activities, and focus on independence; and

**WHEREAS**, Eaton County can provide opportunities to enrich the lives of individuals of *all ages* by:

- promoting home- and community-based services that support independent living;
- encouraging older adults to speak up for themselves and others; and
- providing opportunities for older adults to share their experiences.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, The Eaton County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim May 2017 to be Older Americans Month. We urge every resident to take time during this month to acknowledge older adults and the people who serve them as influential and vital parts of our community. Carried.