



# State of New York

## Executive Chamber

### Proclamation

**Whereas**, each May, New Yorkers join in the national observance of Older Americans Month to honor and celebrate the many contributions of older adults, their wisdom, lifelong experiences, and valuable lessons passed down to all generations; and

**Whereas**, the theme of this year's Older Americans Month is "Aging Unbound," as established by the U.S. Administration for Community Living, reminding us that older adults are a diverse population with wide-ranging abilities and unlimited potential to benefit society; and

**Whereas**, New York has the fourth largest population of individuals aged 60 years and over in the nation, at 4.8 million, including nearly one million volunteers who contribute 495 million hours of community service at an economic value of \$13.8 billion annually, supporting countless volunteer and civic organizations that are helping people of all ages in need; and

**Whereas**, in light of these and other contributions to the economic, social, and intellectual vibrancy of our state, New York is the first state in the nation to receive an official "age-friendly" designation from AARP and the World Health Organization; and

**Whereas**, we have a responsibility to care for those who came before us and confronted social, civil, and economic challenges, forging a path through difficult times with faith and optimism in the future, and New York is committed to creating an environment where all people have the opportunity to access to community-based options that allow them to age in place within their own community; and

**Whereas**, New York State continues to take important steps to empower and support older New Yorkers by further building on our commitment and decades of work across all sectors; on November 4, 2022, I proudly signed Executive Order No. 23 creating the first State Master Plan for Aging, representing an unprecedented opportunity to support older adults and people of all ages by convening the collective expertise of state agencies, stakeholders, and the public to map a vision for a truly age-friendly New York; and

**Whereas**, this comprehensive Master Plan for Aging heralds a new era of support for older adults and a new level of coordination, planning, and policymaking that gives aging New Yorkers access to quality long term care in healthy, livable communities where they can thrive; with this historic initiative, we express our respect and responsibility for elderly New Yorkers by working to ensure they can live healthy, fulfilling lives while aging with dignity and independence;

**Now, Therefore**, I Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim May 2023 as

## OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

in the Empire State.



**G i v e n** under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State  
at the Capitol in the City of Albany this first day  
of May in the year two thousand twenty-three.

Secretary to the Governor  
Karen Persichilli Keogh

  
Governor