



STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

*Proclamation*

WHEREAS, the month of May 2026 has been designated by the United States Administration for Community Living as Older Americans Month and the State of New Jersey embraces the national theme for this month, "Champion Your Health,"; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey is home to 2.2 million individuals aged 60 and older; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey is committed to valuing all older adults and recognizing their ongoing life achievements; and

WHEREAS, the diverse older adults in New Jersey play an important role by continuing to contribute experience, knowledge, wisdom, and accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, our older adults are active community members involved in volunteering, mentorship, arts and culture, and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the contributions and successes of older adults encourages their ongoing participation and further accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, through the Department of Human Services, Division of Aging Services, the 21 county-based Area Agencies on Aging/Aging & Disability Resource Connections, and the network of aging services community-based organizations, are committed to ensuring older adults have access to a comprehensive system of supportive services that values and promotes their independence, dignity, and choice; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey encourages residents to take this month to recognize older adults and the people who serve and support them as powerful and vital citizens who greatly contribute to the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mikie Sherrill, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

**MAY 2026  
AS  
OLDER AMERICANS MONTH**

*in New Jersey.*



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this twentieth day of April in the year two thousand twenty-six, the two hundred fiftieth year of the Independence of the United States.

*Dale G. Coburn*  
Lt. GOVERNOR

*Mikie Sherrill*  
GOVERNOR