

Older Americans Month 2014 Proclamation

Whereas, *Kittitas County,* is a community that includes *8,304* citizens aged 60 and older; and

Whereas, *Kittitas County,* is committed to helping all individuals live longer, healthier lives; and

Whereas, the older adults in ***Kittitas County,*** have made countless contributions and sacrifices to ensure a better life for future generations; and

Whereas, we recognize the value of injury prevention and safety awareness in helping older adults remain healthy and active; and

Whereas, our community can provide opportunities to enrich the lives of individuals young and old by;

- Emphasizing the need to take action to safeguard themselves from unintentional injuries where they live, work and socialize
- Providing information on avoiding leading causes of injury for older adults – falls, motor vehicle-related incidents, suffocation, medication overdose, and fire/burns
- Helping older adults take control of their safety and wellbeing

Now Therefore, We, the Board of County Commissioners of *Kittitas County,* is committed to helping all individuals live longer, healthier lives; and hereby proclaim *May 2014* to be Older Americans Month. We urge every citizen to take time this month to recognize older adults and the people who serve and support them as powerful and vital individuals who greatly contribute to the community.

Dated this _____ day of _____ 2014

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Paul Jewell, Chairman

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Gary Berndt, Commissioner

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Obie O'Brien, Commissioner