



Whereas, *Kittitas County, Washington* includes a community of **9,455** older Americans who richly contribute to our community; and

Whereas, *Kittitas County, Washington* acknowledges that what it means “to age” has changed – for the better; and

Whereas, *Kittitas County, Washington* is committed to supporting older adults as they take charge of their health, explore new opportunities and activities, and focus on independence; and

Whereas, *Kittitas County, Washington* can provide opportunities to enrich the lives of individuals of *all* ages by:

- Involving older adults in the redefinition of aging in our community
- 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, *the Board of County Commissioners of Kittitas County, Washington*, hereby proclaims *May 2017* to be Older Americans Month, and urges every resident to take time during this month to acknowledge older adults and the people who serve them as influential and vital individuals who greatly contribute to our community.

Dated this _____ day of _____ 2017

Obie O'Brien, Chairman

Paul Jewell, Vice Chairman

Laura Osiadacz, Commissioner

*Constituting the Board of County Commissioners
for Kittitas County, Washington*