RESOLUTION
OF
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MARIN COUNTY

PROCLAIMING
OLDER AMERICANS MONTH
"UNLEASH THE POWER OF CHANGE"
MAY 2013

WHEREAS, by Presidential Proclamation, the month of May is designated every year as "Older Americans Month," a time for the entire County to acknowledge the enormous contributions of older adults to our strength and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, the national theme this year, "Unleash the Power of Change" recognizes the vitality and diversity of today’s older Americans who span three generations; and

WHEREAS, one out of every four Marin County residents currently is 60 years of age or older; these residents, will comprise nearly 31% of our community’s total population by 2020; and

WHEREAS, Marin County is committed to helping all individuals maintain their health and independence in later life; and

WHEREAS, Marin County’s Area Agency on Aging aims to create a robust service infrastructure to meet the needs of older adults; increase collaboration and coordination and ensure access to critical services; and

WHEREAS, the report issued recently by the Marin Community Foundation, Mission Possible, Improving the lives of Older Adults in Marin found that services that are respectful of and responsive to the beliefs, practices, values, and cultural and linguistic needs of clients have been shown to lead to positive outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the older adult service network in Marin is focused on creating programs and services to enrich the quality of life, promote the health and well-being, and reduce social isolation of Marin’s older adult population; and

WHEREAS, the Marin community can provide even more opportunities to allow older adults to flourish by:

- Presenting opportunities for older adults to share their wisdom, experience, and skills to provide strong, stable and interactive Marin communities; and
- Emphasizing the value and importance of older adults and their leadership by publicly recognizing their continued achievements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin does hereby honor all Marin’s older adults and hereby proclaims the month of May 2013 as "Older Americans Month" in Marin.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Marin County Board of Supervisors urges every citizen to take time this month to engage with older adults in their neighborhoods and to find time to volunteer in their own communities with programs serving older adults.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held this 14th day of May 2013.

JUDY ARNOLD - DISTRICT 5, PRESIDENT
COUNTY OF MARIN