



Older Americans Month 2016

Whereas, *Southeast Washington Aging and Long Term Care Council of Governments* includes a community of **128,681** older Americans who deserve recognition for their contributions to our entire eight county direct service area; and

Whereas, *Southeast Washington Aging and Long Term Care Council of Governments* recognizes that older adults are trailblazers — advocating for themselves, their peers, and their communities — paving the way for future generations; and

Whereas, *Southeast Washington Aging and Long Term Care Council of Governments* is committed to raising awareness about issues facing older Americans and helping all individuals to thrive in communities of their choice for as long as possible; and

Whereas, we appreciate the value of inclusion and support in helping older adults successfully contribute to and benefit from their communities; and

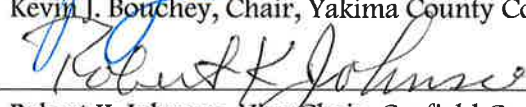
Whereas, our community can provide opportunities to enrich the lives of individuals of all ages by:

- Promoting and engaging in activity, wellness, and social involvement
- Emphasizing home and community based services that support independent living
- Ensuring community members can benefit from the contributions and experience of older adults

Now therefore, the *Governing Board of Southeast Washington Aging and Long Term Care Council of Governments* hereby proclaims *May 2016* to be Older Americans Month and urges all residents within the eight county service area to take time this month to acknowledge older adults and the people who serve them as powerful and vital individuals who greatly contribute to our community.

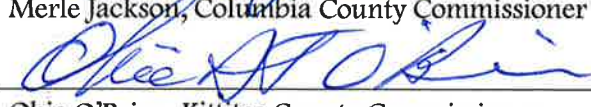
Done this 5th day of May, 2016


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