EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PROCLAMATION

The State of California includes over 5.3 million residents age 65 and older who enrich our communities and our families through diverse life experiences, cultures, and contributions. Over the next decade, California's older population will grow faster than all other age groups and double by 2030, leading our state into the future with great knowledge, wisdom and experience.

There is no moment more significant than now to honor older Californians for their sacrifices and their service. We deeply appreciate that older Californians were the first to stay home during the COVID-19 pandemic and as a result are saving lives every day through their commitment and resolve. We remember those older Californians who have lost their lives to this terrible pandemic, and we offer our comfort and support to their loved ones. Older Californians have helped build our Golden State and are meeting the moment still today.

The State of California is committed to strengthening our communities by engaging and serving all older adults, adults with disabilities, families and caregivers. I ask all Californians to join me in recognizing their invaluable contributions and recommit to building a California for all across the lifespan.

NOW THEREFORE I, GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim May 2020 as "Older Californians Month."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 12th day of May 2020.

GAWIN NEWSOM

Governor of California

ATTEST:

ALEX PADILLA Secretary of State

