

# PROCLAMATION

## OLDER AMERICANS MONTH “LIVING TODAY FOR A BETTER TOMORROW”

**WHEREAS**, the City of Dade City is a community in which a large portion of our citizens are age 55 and over and make their home here; and

**WHEREAS**, older adults in Dade City and throughout the nation are an increasing population with evolving needs; and

**WHEREAS**, older Americans are valuable members of our society who enhance our communities and personal lives; and

**WHEREAS**, the increasing number of baby boomers reaching traditional retirement age highlights the need for increased support of older adults; and

**WHEREAS**, our older citizens of today and tomorrow promise to be among the most active and involved older adult population in our nation's history; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the responsibility of this and all United States communities to work collaboratively to address older adults' unique health and long-term care challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, it is crucial that communities modernize systems of care to help empower older Americans and give them more control over their own lives; and

**WHEREAS**, communities can improve older citizens' overall quality of life by helping them:

*Make behavioral changes in their lifestyles that can reduce the risk of disease, disability, and injury;*

*Obtain the tools they need to make informed decisions about, and gain better access to, exiting health and long term care options in their communities;*

*Have more options to avoid placement in nursing homes and remain at home as long as possible.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Scott Black as Mayor of Dade City, Florida, and on behalf of the entire City Commission, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2009 to be **Older Americans Month**. The City of Dade City urges everyone to take time in May to honor our older adults and the professionals, family members, and citizens who care for them. Our efforts can improve the lives of our older citizens and help pave the way for future generations.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Dade City, Florida to be affixed this 14th day of April, A. D., 2009.

**ATTEST:**

**DADE CITY, FLORIDA**

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City Clerk

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Mayor