

Proclamation

WHEREAS it is one of the responsibilities of the Mayor of the City of Westerville to recognize occasions of outstanding significance;

WHEREAS, older adults have much to teach us, from persevering in the face of hardship to sustaining our family structure and caring for those in need; and

WHEREAS, generations of older Americans have done the hard work of building communities, places of worship, businesses, and schools, laying the foundation for our American way of life. Embodying the steadfast devotion, courage, and sacrifice that our ancestors brought to this country; and

WHEREAS, many of these former teachers, leaders of industry, war heroes, and religious figures help new generations learn about our past by taking time out of their lives to share their experiences and to serve as role models; and

WHEREAS, their values of hard work, determination, compassion, and faith continue to benefit our families and all Americans; older Americans consistently demonstrate age is not a barrier, nor an excuse, to attempting new challenges and achieving success; older Americans continue to energize our national life and; NOW THEREFORE,

I, Kathleen Cocuzzi, Mayor of the City of Westerville, Ohio, do hereby proclaim May 2013 as

“NATIONAL OLDER AMERICANS MONTH”

and urge every citizen of Westerville to join in this observance in honoring the life-long contributions of our older residents; and to assist our senior citizens to continue their involvement in the community, recognizing the vital resources our senior citizens provide.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused my seal to be affixed this 7th day of May, in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

Kathleen Cocuzzi, Mayor