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Lake County Commissioners Proclaim May “Older Americans Month”

PAINESVILLE, Ohio, May 8, 2025— At today’s Commissioners’ Meeting, the Board proclaimed May 2025, “Older Americans Month” in Lake County. Every May, the Administration for Community Living leads the celebration of Older American Month (OAM). This year’s theme, *Flip the Script on Aging*, focuses on transforming how society perceives, talks about, and approaches aging. It encourages individuals and communities to challenge stereotypes and dispel misconceptions.

"Ageism has a real impact on how we perceive older adults and, importantly, how they perceive themselves," said Commission President Richard J. Regovich. "By challenging these negative stereotypes and embracing a positive view of aging, we empower individuals to remain fully engaged and contributing members of our Lake County community."



From the Left: Commissioners Morris W. Beverage III and John T. Plecnik, Joe Tomsick, Commissionr Richard J. Regovich, Cristen Kane, Alyea Barajas, Alison Tomaselli, Jennifer McLaughlin, Carrie Dotson, Andrea Johnson, Lynn Berner, Judy Burr, Mary Udics, Ben Capelle.

This May, the Board encourages Lake County to join as they recognize OAM and explore the many opportunities for staying active and engaged as we age, highlighting opportunities for purpose, exploration, and connection that come with aging.

"Our older residents are the heart of our community—bringing wisdom, experience, and strength that enrich us all. Recognizing and supporting their continued contributions helps build a more inclusive and vibrant Lake County for everyone," said Commissioner John T. Plecnik.

In recognition of Older Americans Month, Lake County Senior Day is scheduled for Tuesday, May 20, 2025, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For just \$1 at the door, you can enjoy a light breakfast, celebrate Outstanding Senior Award recipients, try your luck at bingo, score some fantastic

giveaways and be amazed by the incredible live entertainment from magician and illusionist Rick Smith Jr.

"As we recognize Older Americans Month, we are especially thankful for the invaluable work of the Lake County Senior Services Levy, that supports programs and services essential for the well-being and engagement of our older community members," said Commissioner Morris W. Beverage.

For more information on services for older adults and programs available to help older adults stay connected, contact the Board of Lake County Commissioners Senior Services Manager, Alyea Barajas, at (440) 350-2748.

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