



# *Proclamation*

## **Older Americans Month, May 2022**

**TO THE CITIZENS OF BEL AIRE, KANSAS, GREETINGS:**

**WHEREAS**, Bel Aire is a community that includes citizens aged 60 and older; and

**WHEREAS**, the older adults in Bel Aire are among of our most “treasured resources,” united by historical experiences, strengthened by diversity, and interpreting events through varied perspectives and backgrounds to bring wisdom and insight to our community; and

**WHEREAS**, increasing numbers of adults are reaching retirement age and remaining strong and active for longer than ever before; and

**WHEREAS**, the older adults in Bel Aire deserve recognitions for the contributions they have made and will continue to make to the culture, economy, and character of our community and our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, our community can provide that recognition and respect by improving the quality of life for older Americans by:

- Increasing their opportunities to remain active and engaged in community life;
- Providing individualized services and support systems to maintain the dignity, independence, and self-determination of older Americans as they age;
- Combating ageist attitudes by honoring their past, present, and future contributions;

**THEREFORE**, I Jim Benage, Mayor, do hereby proclaim May 2022 to be Older Americans Month. I urge every citizen to take time this month to honor our older adults and the professionals, family members, and volunteers who care for them. Our recognition and involvement of older Americans can enrich our entire community’s quality of life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of Bel Aire, Kansas this 3rd day of May, 2022.

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Jim Benage, Mayor

