

## RESOLUTION SUPPORTING OLDER MICHIGANIANS DAY 2025

WHEREAS, Older Michiganians Day is an important annual event that celebrates the contributions and addresses the needs of Michigan's older adult population; and

WHEREAS, the Madison Heights Active Adult Center (AAC), in partnership with Councilman David Soltis, is organizing a bus trip to Lansing on May 7, 2025, to participate in advocacy efforts during *Senior Action Week*, May 5-9, 2025, with a particular focus on Older Michiganians Day; and

WHEREAS, Older Michiganians Day provides an opportunity to bring attention to the critical needs of older adults across Michigan and advocate for legislative action to address those needs, including support for key programs and services that help older adults live independently and thrive in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Area Agencies on Aging Association of Michigan and its partners are advocating for the following actions in the Michigan Fiscal Year 2026 budget to improve the lives of older adults in Michigan:

1. **Expand Access to the MI Choice Waiver Program** by rebalancing state expenditures between Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) and institutional care, and fully funding the risk pool with an appropriation from the Medicaid HCBS budget line;
2. **Increase Access to Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS)** by supporting the Silver Key Coalition's request for an \$8 million increase for ACLS Bureau in-home services, and a \$2 million increase for home-delivered meals;
3. **Assist Family and Informal Caregivers** by supporting a permanent \$5 million appropriation to area agencies on aging (AAAs) for the development of Caregiver Resource Centers, and by passing the *Caring for MI Family Tax Credit* to provide tax relief of up to \$5,000 per year for family caregivers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Madison Heights officially supports Older Michiganians Day on May 7, 2025, and joins with the Active Adult Center, Councilman David Soltis, and senior advocates in urging the Michigan Legislature to take action in the 2026 state budget to ensure the funding of the above critical supports and services for Michigan's older adults; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Madison Heights encourages all residents, senior citizens, caregivers, and advocates to participate in this important advocacy event and to show their support for Michigan's older adult population and their continued ability to live independently with dignity.



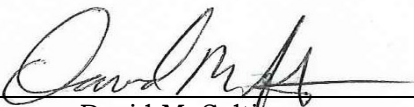
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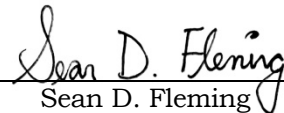
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