



BLAZE A TRAIL: MAY 2016

**Older Americans Month 2016**

A Proclamation

**Whereas, Ferry County,** includes a thriving community of older Americans who deserve recognition for their contributions and sacrifices to ensure a better life for future generations; and

**Whereas, Ferry County,** recognizes that older adults are trailblazers—advocating for themselves, their peers, and their communities—paving the way for future generations; and

**Whereas, Ferry County** is committed to raising awareness about issues facing older Americans and helping all individuals to thrive in communities of their choice for as long as possible; and

**Whereas,** since 1965, the Older Americans Act has provided services that promote community volunteerism and help older adults remain active, healthy and independent; and

**Whereas,** we appreciate the value of inclusion and support in helping older adults successfully contribute to and benefit from their communities; and

**Whereas,** our community can provide opportunities to enrich the lives of individuals of all ages by:

- Promoting and engaging in activity, wellness, and social inclusion.
- Emphasizing home- and community-based services that support independent living.
- Ensuring community members of all ages benefit from the contributions and experience of older adults.

**Now therefore,** We, the Board of Commissioners of Ferry County, Washington, do hereby proclaim May 2016 to be Older Americans Month. We urge every resident to take time this month to celebrate older adults and the people who serve and support them as powerful and vital individuals who greatly contribute to this community.

Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> of April, 2016



CHAIRMAN, Nathan Davis

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Clerk of the Board, Amanda Rowton